

Mississippi College Tells Biggest Gift

A man who was labeled teachers has made the largest single contribution to Mississippi College in the school's history. It has been announced.

Dr. William B. Cockroft of Memphis, Tenn., gave the "Commitment" Campaign an early boost with a substantial gift in support of the college.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, and Rowan Taylor of Jackson, chairman of the campaign, acknowledged receipt of the gift this week. Although no amount was mentioned, they indicated it was the largest single donation ever received by the Baptist college in its 146-year history.

The gift was the first major one in the college's "Commitment" Campaign in which \$3 million is being sought for undergirding and upgrading the academic program of the college.

Funds received in the campaign will be used to construct an addition to the Leland Speed Library with a Learning Resource Center, a building to house the School of Nursing and Home Economics Department, and a multi-purpose building for use in convocations and intercollegiate athletics.

In acknowledging the gift, Dr. Nobles said, "The future of Mississippi College will, to a large extent, be determined by the philosophy it lives by,

the excellence it strives for, the faculty it brings in, the students it recruits, the resources it builds up and the graduates it sends out."

"This outstanding gift by Dr. and Mrs. Cockroft has already given a dramatic upsurge in all facets of our campus life as well as to the 'Commitment' Campaign itself," he continued.

"This expressed confidence in the program of Mississippi College encourages those of us associated with the college to strive even harder in the months and years ahead to continue to have the kind of institution in which all who are associated with it may take pride. We accept this gift with sincere humility and an expressed dedication to keep Mississippi College moving forward," said the president.

"The ingredients for academic excellence and challenging courses of study, cultural programs, museum and library collections, continuing research, unusual equipment, student aid, competitive faculty salaries, special buildings to meet unique demands. These are among the enriching features of a sound educational program that means the difference between good and great institutions."

"These are made possible by the gifts from the business community and individuals like Dr. and Mrs. Cockroft who envision today the College's great mission and are willing to invest today for the needs of tomorrow," concluded Dr. Nobles.

Dr. Cockroft, a dentist by profession, is currently president and chairman of the Board of United Inns, Inc. United operates 20 Holiday Inns in Atlanta, Ga., Jackson, Miss. Houston, Texas, and Jacksonville, Fla. There are currently two Inns in Jackson, with another under construction at North State and Woodrow Wilson and a big downtown Holiday Inn scheduled to begin construction within 60 days.

President and chairman of the Board since 1956, Dr. Cockroft also serves as president of its 55 wholly

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Allen Re-Elected Head Americans United

BOSTON (BP) — Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church in San Antonio, was re-elected president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State during the organization's 24th National Conference on Church and State.

Americans United also adopted resolutions urging both the Republican and Democratic parties to include religious liberty planks in their national platforms for the 1972 presidential elections, and proposed specific planks for each party.

Both expressed opposition to the so-called "non-denominational prayer amendment." The proposed plan for the Republican Party also expressed opposition to providing public funds to parochial schools, an item not included in the Democratic plank.



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Speaker

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SBC Members Top 11.8 Million, Significant Gain In Baptisms

NASHVILLE (BP) — Church membership in the Southern Baptist Convention increased to a total of 11,826,463 during 1971, the research services department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board reported here in a presentation before the SBC Executive Committee.

Total church membership increased 196,583 more than the 1970 totals. Decreases were reported in Sunday School, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union organization enrollments.

Statistics were based on a total of 34,441 churches affiliated with the nation's largest Protestant denomination. The number of churches was increased by 81 from the number reported last year.

An increase of 231 churches occurred in cities with 50,000 or more population. In contrast, a decrease of 597 churches was reported in open country and rural areas, the report disclosed.

The number of baptisms (conversions) reported by SBC churches was 409,659, an increase from 40,796 from the 1970 figure and third highest total ever recorded. The peak year for baptisms was 1959, when 429,063 were reported, said Martin Bradley, manager, research services department.

Sunday School enrollment dropped by 129,370 to 7,141,453. The all-time high was 7,671,165 in 1964.

The Brotherhood (men and boys' organizations) had an enrollment of 431,338, an increase of 29,011. Contributing to the change was a shift of six to eight year old boys to the Brotherhood organization from Woman's Missionary Union.

Training Union ongoing enrollment totaled 2,106,855, dropping by 121,362 from the 1970 figure.

Enrollment reported for Woman's Missionary Union (women and girls) decreased by 62,227 to a total of 1,137,586. The shift of six to eight year old boys from the WMU Sunbeam organization to the Brotherhood was a strong factor in the decrease, Bradley said.

Church music enrollment increased 64,615, reaching a new high of 1,088,980.

Giving by Southern Baptists con-

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WORLD ALLIANCE PRESIDENT ISSUES CALL TO PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

WASHINGTON (BP) — The president of the Baptist World Alliance with offices here, V. Carney Hargroves, has issued a statement calling on the world's 31 million Baptists to pray for world peace.

The statement was issued on the day President Richard M. Nixon left the United States for a series of summit meetings with heads of state in the People's Republic of China and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Hargroves said he believes the summit meetings "can open an era of reconciliation between men and between nations."

The annual Convention of Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will be held at First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg March 21-22.

Up to 1500 women, from every section of the state, are expected to attend the meeting, to begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president, will preside over the sessions.

Miss Marjean Patterson, of Jackson, elected in 1971 as executive secretary - treasurer, succeeding Dr. Edwin Robinson, will be serving as executive secretary - treasurer for the first time during a state WMU Convention.

Miss Patterson said that the Convention this year will be meeting away from Jackson for the first time since 1962 when it met in Clarksdale and will be meeting in Hattiesburg for the first time since 1960.

Speakers will be Dr. Sam DeBord, Richmond, Va., director of promotion of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, of Waco, Texas, president of WMU, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. and Mrs. Jack Comer, Home Mission Board workers with Navajos Indians in New Mexico; Rev. Cecil Etheredge, personnel director of Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Mrs. Fred Propst, worker with Good Will Center of Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Mrs. Grayson Tennison, Southern Baptist missionary to Spain.

Music director will be Mrs. Bullard Jones of Oakdale, La., who will lead congregational singing and also render special music at most sessions.

Mothers of Mississippi missionaries will be recognized as special guests at the Wednesday morning session with Mrs. Carey Cox of Brandon, vice-president, directing.

A business session will also be held Wednesday morning which will include

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The Cooperative Program Is Our Lifeline

By W. Douglas Hudgins
(Message delivered at meeting of Executive - Secretaries of SBC at Louisville, Ky., February 14-16)

My fellow-secretaries: Our current chairman has asked me to speak for a brief period about the Cooperative Program, setting the background for what is anticipated to be a very frank and objective appraisal of this method of Mission Giving as we deal with it day after day. I do so from the viewpoint of a pastor for far more years than as an Executive Secretary.

It just happened that I was ordained to the ministry only a few days before the Cooperative Program was born. That significant date was the Memphis Convention in 1925. So, my ministry so far has been parallel with the development and growth of this method of mission giving.

As some of you might know, my fa-

ther was the Sunday School Secretary for the State of Tennessee from 1909 to 1934 when, at the age of 61, he was taken from us as the result of an automobile accident near Chattanooga, Tennessee. Naturally, I was literally nurtured at a Baptist hand and have known something of denominational affairs for all these years since I was four. As a lad I remember the Woodrow Wilson days and the impact on our nation of World War I. How well I recall the sense of global involvement that led some of our Baptist greats to conceive and launch the 75 Million Program. In promotion of that campaign I folded, stuffed, sealed and carried to the Post Office thousands of leaflets, tracts, and letters to the pastors and Sunday School superintendents in the Baptist churches in Tennessee. As a very young church member I had my own little pledge to that extended commitment. For a while Southern Baptists were ex-

ploding with recession came and, for many reasons, that titanic effort began to sputter and denominational enthusiasm began to wane. Institutions and agencies that had grown ambitious on the prospect of more money than ever before received soon found, to their distress, that they had overplanned and, in some cases, overexpanded. Some were deeply in debt; others seriously crippled; and all were deeply distressed. Many said, "This has been an unforgivable denominational blunder," and the fellowship of the Convention was deeply disturbed. I do not find myself in agreement with those who have said, and perhaps say now, that the 75 Million Campaign was a failure. With all of its faults, I believe it was a tremendous achievement for Baptists. Not only was much expansion accomplished by means of the money given, but thousands of Baptists had discovered the world outside their home

community and begun to realize the obligations of Christian Stewardship. Naturally, trusted men of that day sought to analyze the Convention's condition and to begin the search for an even better way to assist the churches in carrying out the Great Commission. "The Commission on Future Programs" which brought the recommendation to the Memphis Convention in 1925 that resulted in the birth of the Cooperative Program was composed of pastors and laymen as well as the Executive Secretaries of the State Conventions and the heads of the SBC institutions and agencies. To turn to the minutes of the 1925 Convention and read the names of the committee is to recall some of the denominational giants of that day.

What a tribute to their wisdom and foresight is the record of the Cooperative Program! Have you ever taken the time to ascertain the total of

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'NO OTHER GODS...

This is all that remains of a once-luxurious temple of "Artemis, goddess of the moon," in ancient Sardis. The scene is from "Time and the Cities," a TV documentary produced by the SBC Radio-Television Commission in cooperation with NBC. Filmed in Turkey on the sites of the cities addressed by John in Revelation, the program relates the deaths of these cities to the problems of modern urban centers. It will be shown nationwide Sunday, February 27, 3:00-4:00 P.M. CST. Stations in the Mississippi area in which it will be seen are WLBT-TV, Jackson; WTUV-TV, Tupelo; and WALA-TV, Mobile, Ala.

Family Life Conference Will Meet In Hattiesburg

The second statewide Family Life Conference to be sponsored by the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be held at the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg Feb. 28-29.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, executive director of the Commission, said that joining the Commission and the church in sponsoring the event is the LeBaron Baptist Association, Dr. Joel D. Ray, Superintendent of Missions.

Dr. Hensley said that persons interested from every section of the state are expected to attend.

There are six outstanding people who will speak at the general sessions, as follows:

Dr. John N. Burrus, Distinguished Sociology Professor, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg; Dr. William P. Clemmons, Supervisor, Family Ministry and Vocational Guidance Section, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday

School Board, Nashville; Dr. Hugh L. Dickens, Superintendent of Colum-

bia Public Schools, Columbia; Dr. John W. Drakeford, Professor of Psy-

chology and Counseling, Southwestern

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Dr. James E. Dunn

Dr. Harold L. Rutledge

Dr. William P. Clemmons

Dr. John W. Drakeford

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mission giving through the Cooperative Program through its 46 years? That total, including the year 1971, is the staggering sum of \$1,249,246,103.00. One and a fourth BILLION dollars! Of this amount, \$437,400,220.00 went to SBC causes; and \$811,845,883.00 was expended in the work of the State Conventions! Shades of the 75 Million campaign! What do you suppose the brethren of that day think as they look down from glory? It began in 1925 with total SBC gifts in the amount of \$4,128,188.00; in 1926, \$4,336,312.00; and in 1927, \$4,386,531.00. In 1928, instead of promoting the Program through the individual states, the responsibility for the Cooperative Program was placed with the Executive Committee. Records show that in that year the share allocated to SBC causes distributed by the Executive Committee was \$218,343.00! In 1931 the total was \$925,722.00. Then, with the Great Depression, the next three years saw a decline and it was not until 1938 that the churches had exceeded the total of 1931!

In 1938 Southern Baptists began to emerge from the depression. That year the total reached \$988,654.00. Some of us can remember the thrill that came when we had reached "almost a million dollars for missions" in that year! Our mission record continues to be even more startling! From 1938 through 1971 there has been an INCREASE each year. The greatest percentage of increase was the year 1943, \$2,350,245.00 against \$1,571,219.00 in 1942. Our smallest percentage of increase was not in 1970, as perhaps many think, but in 1961, with only 1.3 over the previous period. Incidentally, the increase in 1970 over 1969 was 1.8. Last year, 1971, Southern Baptists gave through the Cooperative Program to SBC causes, a total of \$29,970,527.00! Perhaps we have not realized the magnitude of what our people have done in the 46 years. To them be our thanks, and to God the glory!

However, before we are tempted to preen in self-satisfaction for what we have done, we must confess that we have not been the kind of Christian stewards we ought to have been. In 46 years we Southern Baptists have given to missions through the Cooperative Program just about as much as ONE ROCKET LAUNCH to the moon! Or, about 1/16th of the annual INTEREST ON OUR NATIONAL DEBT! — to say nothing of a payment on the principal.

I believe I can say, then, for all of us, experience has proved the value and the worth of the Cooperative Program as an instrument for mission giving on the part of our churches. Not only do our SBC agencies and institutions find themselves sustained by it, but the Cooperative Program is the life-line of our work in the state where I live. If our schools, our Children's Village, our hospital, our educational ministry with National Baptists, and all our educational and church-related ministries would be forced to make direct appeals to our people for support, we would be in a chaotic state. And, what would be the effect on pastors and people if every SBC agency had to come directly to the people with their appeals? Actually, what would WE DO if we did not have the Cooperative Program? And, what would be the response of our people if some worthy cause were presented to them on almost every Sunday?

Now, let us look for a moment at THE NATURE OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM! In mentioning this,

I simply set forth a few observations:

1. It is a MEANS not an END
- (1) We do not give TO it but THROUGH it
- (2) It is a practical TOOL, not a theological DOGMA
2. Its purpose is SPIRITUAL; its principle is practical
3. Its objective is INCLUSIVE, not EXCLUSIVE
4. Its aim is to undergird ALL THE COMMISSION
5. Its effort is to be proportionately FAIR
6. Its appeal is to Scriptural STEWARDSHIP
7. Its IMPLEMENTATION is possible for any church
8. Its practicability is unanswerable
9. Its results are self-evident
10. Its guidelines are protective
11. Its promotion is EDUCATIONAL
12. It multiplies the witness of the individual
13. It enlarges a church's vision
14. It implies a continuing study of priorities
15. It is good, practical, thrifty, common-sense business practice

Naturally, the Cooperative Program is not perfect. Nor is any other effort in our Christian witness. Our sermons are not models of perfection, yet we continue to proclaim the gospel with conviction and passion! Our music falls far short of perfect harmony, but we still sing the praises of our God! Our personal witness lacks a great deal of reaching our potential, but thousands win other thousands to the Lord each year! No, our mission giving plan is not a perfect one, but who has come forward in recent years with a better one? What has been set forth as a substitute for what we now are doing?

In the discussion that will follow we doubtless will hear a number of objections or criticisms of the Cooperative Program, but let us list just a few of the observations that are heard from time to time:

1. The present system is antiquated and a new procedure should be adopted.
2. The Cooperative Program does not include "practical ministries"
3. The system is impersonal and lacks appeal to people for particular causes
4. Too many church members have little or no knowledge of what the Cooperative Program is
5. As it now stands, the Cooperative Program includes some agencies or activities many people do not want, therefore, they will not give to support it
6. The current division of mission gifts is not equitable
7. The increase in designated giving is evidence of disenchantment with the Cooperative Program
8. Churches can do a better job by doing their mission work directly

As we evaluate the Cooperative Program what practical problems do we face?

Perhaps we might observe, first, that the old assertion that "Special Offerings" decrease giving to the Program. Facts do not bear this out. Recent studies, read by us all, reveal that where churches have increased their gifts to the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Mission Offerings, and their State Mission Offerings, the total contributions of such congregations to all our mission work through the Cooperative Program have likewise increased.

Again, we are all conscious of the fact that where churches are familiar

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, To Build New Auditorium

On January 30, Morrison Heights Church voted, without an opposing vote, to construct a new building that will include an auditorium, containing a choir loft for 72, a main auditorium to seat 595; a balcony to seat 219. A 19 rank pipe organ will be installed.

The building will be of colonial design, both inside and out. On the first level there will be educational and recreational space containing a modern kitchen, storage rooms, a fellowship hall that will seat 400 at tables and serve as assembly areas for two adult departments. The addition will contain a total of 23 new class rooms, a music library, choir rehearsal room, robe rooms and a private study for the pastor. Both floors will have a total of 25,500 square feet, which will double that of the present facilities. There will be a covered walkway from the present auditorium to the new one, enabling people to enter either from the ground floor on the north or go up one flight of stairs from the south.

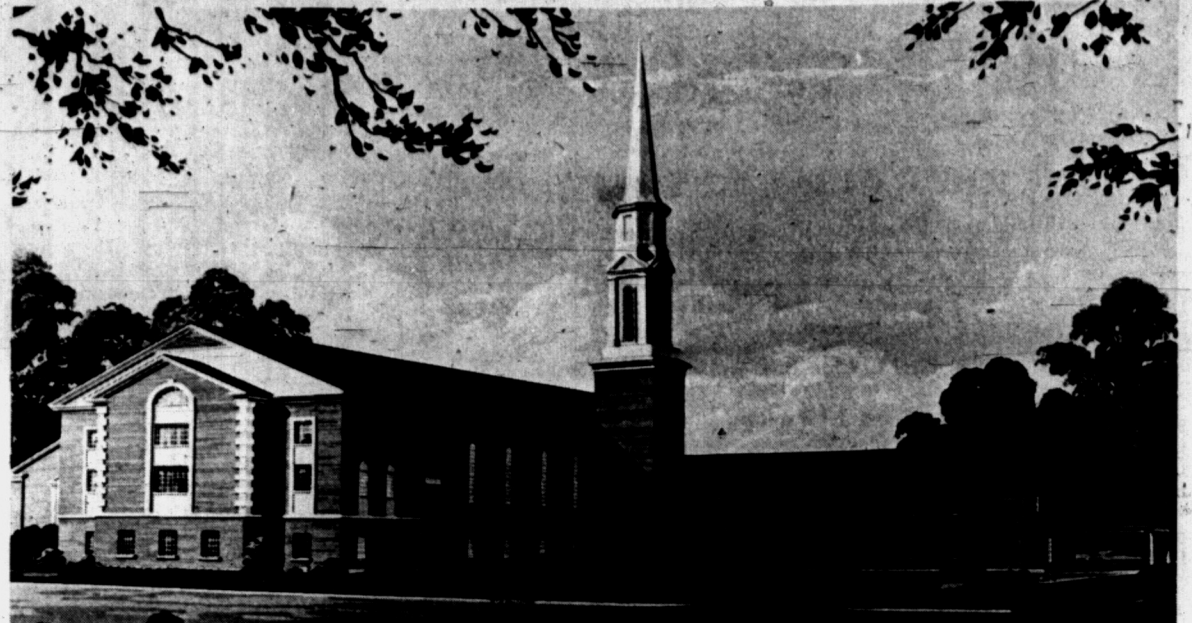
In recent months, new land has been acquired, giving a total amount of property of over six acres. Also, recently approved is the paving of a new parking lot for another fifty cars and land is available for more. An up-to-date fenced kindergarten playground has recently been provided.

Of special significance, is the church's plans for 1973, which will be the 15th anniversary time of the church with the various mission causes and our institutions and agencies there. Is marked increase in mission giving. In most cases, churches that do not give to mission causes are those whose membership knows little or nothing of our endeavor and have only meager concept of the spiritual need of the world beyond their immediate community.

Too, it must be realized that the pastor is the key to greater support of world missions. If the pastor does not know, or does not care, the church is not likely to be concerned. If he does not believe in or support the Cooperative Program it is highly unlikely that the congregation will know or care about the efforts it energizes.

In spite of the increasingly large attendance at the Southern Baptist Convention sessions, a very small proportion of the pastors in the Convention attend. Most of our pastors do not attend. Few of this membership go. Vast numbers of our churches are never represented either in a State or a Southern Baptist Convention. Many seldom journey outside their local Association. If we expect our churches to become concerned, we must enlist the pastor. If we enlist our pastors, we must do it largely through the local Association. And, if we reach the pastors, we will then be able to reach deacons, finance committees, mission committees, and the entire church membership. Some way, we must discover a way to "sell" missions through the Cooperative Program to the pastors of our churches.

It seems to me, too, that something else needs to be recognized. Churches and pastors that are committed deeply to missions, and who have no reticence in promoting the Cooperative Program, now are facing real problems. Inflation has put the pressure on the local church. Salaries have had to be adjusted upward; literature and supplies have gone up; utilities and maintenance have skyrocketed; age groups, young and older, are demanding and getting special programs and ministries. Music programs in the churches had our greatest acceleration, and good, music programs cost money. Insurance, fringe benefits, and social security costs in



when Dr. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee will be the guest preacher. There will be a strong missions emphasis in the fall with Dr. Baker James Cauthen executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board as featured guest. Also, in the framework of emphasis for 1973 will be outstanding music presentations using the church's own choirs, instrumentalists, and

guest musicians. The year long emphasis will be climaxed in the spring of 1974 with an evangelistic effort led by a dynamic pastor - evangelist.

The pastor, Rev. Charles Gentry, says "Our church is preparing for tomorrow, in property, program and personnel. We intend to study and project the kind of ministry that will be designed to evangelize and to educate in Christian principles people of

every age group."

The Building Committee is composed of: Edward McDonald, Chairman, Bill Keeler, Co-Chairman, Mrs. Sally Baker, Eugene Box, Robert Browning, David Rush, James Clark, Mrs. Gail Holmes, Mrs. Jean Matthews, Harold McMinn, B. K. Melton, Nash Nursery, Miss Debbie Pope, Jack Rutland, and Mrs. Ruby Weatherly.

MC Names Co-Chairmen For Jackson Area Fund

Serving as co-chairmen of the Greater Jackson Pattern Gifts Section of the Mississippi College "Commitment" Campaign will be R. B. Lampton and Julian L. Clark, both prominent Jackson banking executives.

Announcement of the selection of Mr. Lampton and Mr. Clark was made today by Rowan Taylor, Jackson COMMITMENT general chairman.

The two civic leaders will be involved in seeking funds for the \$3 million campaign as the college prepares to undergo and uplift several areas of its academic program through new facilities.

"Mississippi College has meant much to the greater Jackson area in many ways," said Mr. Lampton, "and I am glad to have a part in this campaign as the college prepares for even greater usefulness in the future."

"The impact of Mississippi College on the economy of greater Jackson is quite evident," stated Mr. Clark.

"We appreciate the opportunity of having a part in this campaign so that the new facilities can become a reality and the college's service to the community can be increased."

Mr. Lampton received the bachelor of science degree in engineering from Princeton University and is a graduate of the School of Banking of the South, Louisiana State University.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of United Gas, Inc., the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, and the Jackson City Planning Board. He is treasurer of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce and the Mississippi Committee The Newcomen Society in North America.

Mr. Clark graduated from Enterprise High in Enterprise and received his bachelor of science degree in business administration with high honors from the University of Southern Mississippi. He completed the Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University and for seven years taught in commercial banking section of the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University.

He is a past-president of the Capital Optimist Club, Goodwill Industries of Mississippi, Inc., the Junior Achievement of Jackson, Inc., and the Southeastern Chapter of Robert Morris Associates (National Association of Bank Loan and Credit Officers.)

First, Biloxi Calls Frank Gunn

Rev. Frank W. Gunn, pastor of Forest Church since June 14, 1966, has tendered his resignation to become pastor of First Church, Biloxi. He will preach his last sermon in the Forest Church on March 12.

During his ministry of five years and nine months, a total of over \$620,000 will have been contributed through the church and over 400 new members received. In October, 1966, Rev. Gunn presided at a note-burning ceremony which signified the church was debt free. Since that time, the church has spent \$30,000 on office suite and music room remodeling; \$12,000 on Youth Building remodeling; \$32,000 for a Moller Pipe Organ; \$63,500 for a new pastorage; and \$16,500 for a church bus. Of the \$154,000 for these projects, the indebtedness of the church is now only \$67,000.

Mrs. Gunn is the former Sandra Elizabeth Sandifer of Jayess and they have three children, Frank Jr. 13, Alicia 11, and David 7.

A native of Indianola, Mr. Gunn is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

He was a member of the Committee on Nominations for the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1967; chairman of the Time, Place, Preacher Committee for the Convention in 1968; member of the Order of Business Committee, 1970-73; a member of the Board of Trustees at William Carey College in Hattiesburg 1963-69 and 71-74; and chairman of the Program Committee for Youth Night in 1972.

Dates To Add To Baptist Diary

Bryant Cummings, 1972 chairman, state Sunday School Enlargement Program, notes that the following dates on the 1972 convention - wide emphasis should be added to 1972 Calendar Dates, since they are not in the 1972 Baptist Diary.

May, 1972
Area survey - census meetings will be held in the following places during May: May 1, First Church, Hazlehurst; May 4, Temple Church, Hattiesburg; May 9, First Church, Philadelphia; May 16, First Church, Tupelo; May 18, First Church, Greenwood. All these meetings will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Training meetings for pastors and leaders from local churches and associations, they will feature "how to do it" ideas.

"Area Mass Meetings - Motivation" will also be held during May, on

the following dates, all beginning at 7:30 p.m.: May 22, Tupelo, Calvary; First Church, Eupora; First Church, Yazoo City; and First Church, Biloxi; May 23, First Church, Batesville; First Church, Philadelphia, First Church, Hazlehurst, and First Church, Laurel; May 25, First, Indianola, and First, McComb. A supper meeting will be held at each of these area meetings at 5:30 p.m. for the following invited personnel: superintendents of missions, moderators, Board members, Sunday School directors, and chairmen of evangelism. Baptist Building consultants will meet after meals with their associational personnel, followed by mass meeting with local church representation.

August, 1972
"Area Faculty Training Meetings" - August 21, First Senatobia and

First, Booneville; August 22, Clarksdale, Oakhurst, and First, Okolona; August 24, First, Greenwood, and First, Starkville; August 25, First, Yazoo City, and First, Philadelphia.

September, 1972

"Area Faculty Training Meetings: -September 18, First, Crystal Springs, and Forest Church; September 19, First, Bude, and First, Laurel; September 21, First, Magee, and First, Columbia; September 22, North McComb Church and First, Gulfport.

The August, September dates will be from 7 to 9:15 p.m. and are being designed to provide help in "how to teach" the Sunday School age group and administration book back in local churches or association central training schools in October, 1972.



FMB photo by Fon H. Scofield, Jr.

COMMITTED TO CONVERSATION A missionary in the university situation exposes himself to student opinion. He listens. He asks questions. He brings the Christian certainty of "I believe..." to the attention of young people searching out their own life style. The missionary is enabled to serve in this way because fellow churchmen work together to support him in this witness. The Cooperative Program makes this witness possible.

(Missionary Gerald Fielder in the coffee shop on the campus of Seinan Gakuin, a Baptist university in Fukuoka, Japan)—Stewardship Department, John Alexander, Director.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Rev. Carlie Hill, pastor of Crestwood; Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of Missions, Hinds-Madison Association; T. D. Sills, Sr., Chairman of Day Care Center Board; Mrs. Oscar Bates, Board Member; Clarence Greer, Chairman of Deacons; Mrs. Hubert Sumrall, Day Care Committee member; Dale Brown, church treasurer. BACK ROW: Mr. and Mrs. William F. McCool, Day Care Committee Members. NOT PICTURED: Murphy McDill, James Pickett, Mrs. Eunice Key, T. D. Sills, Jr., O. D. Langford, and Dan Butler.

Crestwood Opens Day Care Center

January 3, Crestwood Church, Jackson, opened their Day Care Center at 1625 Bailey Avenue, with Mrs. R. E. Bryant as director, and R. E. Bryant as treasurer.

The Hinds - Madison Baptist Association, under the leadership of Rev. Fred Tarpley, Superintendent of Missions, and in cooperation with Woodland Hills Church, Calvary Church, Ridgecrest Church, and Broadmoor Church, helped make this Day Care Center a reality.

"Crestwood is grateful to her sister churches for their financial assistance in this needed ministry to the community. The contributions of these churches and the Association enabled Crestwood to completely remodel the interior of the building. This included ceiling tile, paneling and vinyl floor covering," states Rev. Carlie Hill, pastor.

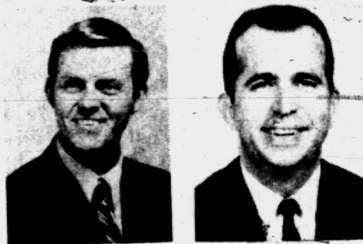
Oakland Heights To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Oakland Heights Church, Meridian, announces the celebration of its 25th anniversary on Sunday, February 27. Special services are being planned honoring all former members. Services for the day will include the regular Sunday morning worship service along with a "dinner on the grounds" to be followed by a special 2:00 p.m. anniversary service.

Two former pastors, Rev. Stanley Barnett and Dr. Eugene I. Farr, will be guest speakers. All charter members will be given recognition. A presentation of the church's history will be presented by Dr. Farr.

"All former members, former pastors, and friends are invited to be present," states the pastor, Rev. John G. Brock.

First Adult Concert - Demonstration Clinics To Be Held In This State



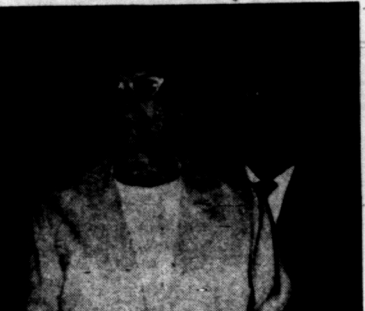
Bedsole Brown

"The first adult concert - demonstration clinics to be held in the state will take place March 13 in three different locations: Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport; Easthaven Church, Brookhaven; and First Church, Belzoni.

The clinics, sponsored by the Church Music Department, are designed mainly for churches without adult choirs who are interested in starting them. The emphasis will be on sharing experiences. Churches with adult choirs will perform and share with those without choirs.

Scheduled are conferences for pastors, song leaders, and accompanists, and a mass choir rehearsal by guest conductor. Several choirs from within each area, plus an invited guest choir, will perform.

Leon Bedsole, at left above, coordinator of the event and minister of music at First Church, Biloxi, says,



Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bryant — Mrs. Bryant is the director of the Crestwood Day Care Center, and Mr. Bryant is the treasurer.

cluded ceiling tile, paneling and vinyl floor covering," states Rev. Carlie Hill, pastor.

The Day Care Center has almost doubled its enrollment since it opened in January. The Center is so located as to be accessible to the Jackson Mall and the inner - city area.

Applications are still being taken for Pre-School Children, and anyone desiring additional information about the Day Care Center can contact the director, Mrs. Bryant, at 355-5635 or 353-3373 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Revival Dates

Cloverdale, Natchez: (Campaign for Christ); Feb. 27-March 3, Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James Fancher of Jackson, evangelist; Ronald Mills of First Church, Natchez, song leader; (On Saturday night, February 26, at 7 will be singing by the Stroud family and other groups and messages by Rev. Fred Robertson, Parkway, Natchez, and Rev. James Fancher, evangelist). Rev. James E. Messer, pastor.

"This is an experiment and will be practical and helpful, especially for smaller churches who are interested in developing and improving their adult program."

Mr. Bedsole is also one of the three coordinators of clinics. The other two are Don Brown, First Church, Hazlehurst, shown at right above, and John Burke, First Church, Belzoni (picture unavailable.)

WMU Convention To Meet Mar. 21-22

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clude the election of officers and reports of registration, courtesy and other committees.

Convention theme will be "Lengthen... Strengthen."

Other officers are Mrs. D. P. Godman, Jackson, recording secretary and Miss Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, assistant recording secretary.

The worship period at each session will be led by Mrs. Bryant Hicks, wife of missionary professor at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Charles Higgins, public relations director at Clarke College, will

Family Life Conference: Hattiesburg

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Baptist Theological Seminary and Director of Marriage and Family Counseling Center, Fort Worth; Dr. James E. Dunn, Secretary, Christian Life Commission, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; Dr. Harold L. Rutledge, Professor of Psychology and Counseling, New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Other conference personalities will include: Rev. Macklyn W. Hubbell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cleveland; Mrs. Evelyn McClure, Associate Professor of Home Economics, Carey College, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Stanley McPhail, principal, Camp Elementary School, Hattiesburg; Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson; Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and Dr. Joel D. Ray, who is also Professor of Religious Education at Carey College.

Some of the subjects to be used by general speakers will include "What Has Happened to the Family?" "Family Money Management," "The Church and the Family," "The Single Parent," "This Insanity Called Love" and others.

In addition to the general messages there will be conferences for those of all age - groups, including pastors, adults, young married adults, single adults, Senior High, Junior High, children, with provision for pre - school and nursery children.

Another feature will be one on special crisis situations, including suicide, drug abuse and divorce.

The program will begin Monday morning at 9:30 and close Tuesday evening at 8:45.

SBC Members - - -

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tinued to increase. Total tithes, offerings and special gifts reached a total of \$935,044,620, an increase of 77,945,931.

Contributions to missions increased \$9,632,519, for a total of \$160,546,250.

SUMMARY OF 1971 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION STATISTICS			
	1971	1970	Change
Churches	34,441	34,360	81
Baptisms	409,659	368,863	40,796
Additions by letter	497,338	498,043	-705
Total membership	11,826,463	11,629,880	196,583
Sunday School enrollment	7,141,453	7,270,823**	-129,370
Training Union enrollment	2,106,855	2,228,217	-121,362
Brotherhood enrollment	451,538	422,527***	29,011
WMU enrollment	1,137,586	1,199,813**	-62,227
Church Music enrollment	1,088,980	1,024,365**	64,615
Total receipts*	\$ 975,272,939	\$ 892,255,918	\$ 83,017,021
Total gifts****	\$ 935,044,620	\$ 857,098,689	\$ 77,945,931
Total mission gifts	\$ 160,546,250	\$ 150,913,731**	\$ 9,632,519
Per capita mission gifts	\$ 13.58	\$ 12.98**	\$.60
Church property value	\$4,307,682,773	\$4,127,738,253	\$179,944,520

*Includes income from fees, rentals, etc.
**Because of changes for 1971 in what comprises some totals, certain 1970 totals were adjusted to obtain figures comparable in makeup with 1971 totals (e. g., the 1970 ongoing Sunday School enrollment included Fellowship Bible Classes but the 1971 total did not). The three adjustments to the 1970 totals were: (1) for Sunday School, Fellowship Bible Classes enrollment was subtracted; (2) for Church Music, Vocal Ensembles, Band or Orchestra, Instrument Ensembles, and Handbell Ringers enrollments were subtracted and (3) Local Mission Expenditures were added to Mission Expenditures. Per cent and numerical changes (shown above) for the three items are computed on the basis of adjusted totals.

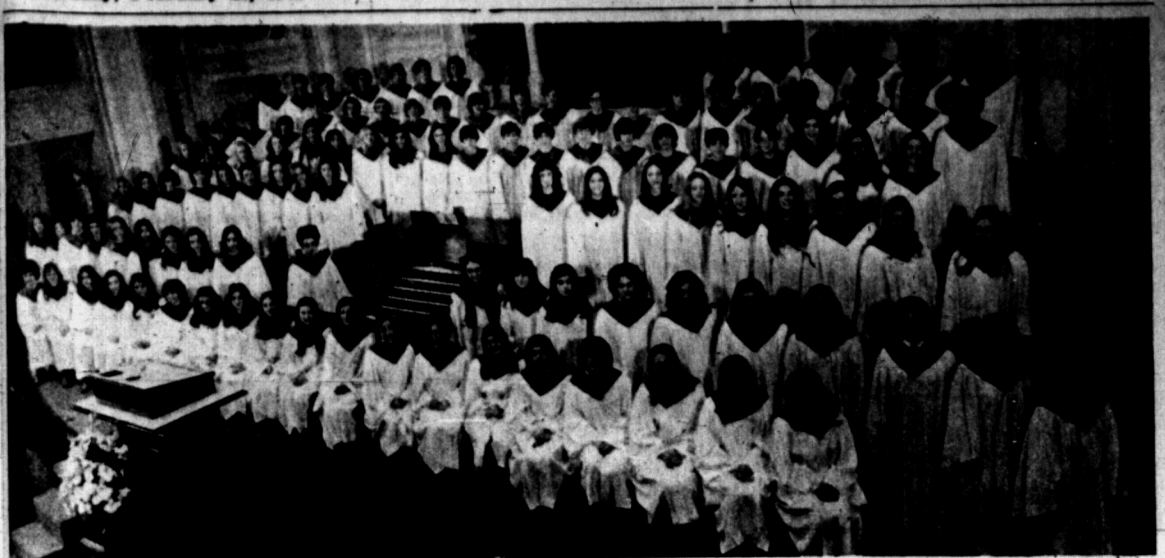
***The decrease in WMU enrollment and increase in Brotherhood enrollment is believed to partly reflect a shift of boys 6-8 years of age from WMU "Sunbeams" to Brotherhood "Crusaders" as a result of the New Grouping/Grading Plan.

****Includes tithes, offerings, and special gifts other than money.

conduct a series of "Interviews" with outstanding Christians of the past, including Ann Judson, Annie W. Armstrong, Margaret Lackey, Fannie E. S. Heck and Lottie Moon.

Someone present at the Convention will "substitute" in each case for the famous person.

Garaywa Silver Anniversary will also be observed at this session, featuring Mississippi missionaries, as follows: Mrs. James Young, to Pakistan; Emogene Harris, Nigeria; Rev. and Mrs. Parkes Marler, Guam; Mrs. Edd Trott, Brazil; Mrs. Roy McGlamery, Gaza; Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Nigeria; Mrs. Bob Williams, Nigeria,



The Revelation To Present 'Love' At City Auditorium

The Revelation from First Church, Jackson, will present the young world musical "Love" on March 3 at 8 p.m. in City Auditorium.

Under the direction of Larry Black, minister of music at First Church, more than 100 singers will present the Otis Skillings musical. Last year, the singers presented "Natural High" in City Auditorium — 2,500 seats — and sold out before the performance. Shortly before 8 p.m., all available standing room was sold for the musical about God's Son. This year's production of "Love" is expected to be a sellout.

Tickets at \$1 for students and \$1.50

for adults are available at First Church. Out-of-town orders may be addressed to Larry Black. He urges groups and individuals to order tickets as soon as possible since orders will be filled on a first-come, first served basis. Although it is possible that some tickets may be available at the door preceding the performance, he suggested that out-of-town students and adults reserve seats (tickets) in advance. Sections will be reserved for groups of 20 or more.

The Otis Skillings musical for today's young people (and their older friends and parents) will be performed with orchestra.

Mrs. Gary Smith, church organist, is accompanying rehearsals. Black will conduct the orchestra which will be composed of professional musicians, most of whom are members of Jackson Symphony Orchestra.

The Revelation is composed of young people, in ninth grade through college sophomores. Since the group was formed by Black shortly after he came to First Church in the fall of 1970, it has been in constant demand for public appearances as well as programs in the church.

The Revelation was selected to perform at the prayer service preceding the inauguration of Governor William Waller.

MC Tells of Biggest Gift

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owned subsidiaries. In addition, United operates 18 Mr. Pride Car Washes in Atlanta, Houston, and in Memphis, Tenn.

In February, 1970, United Inns acquired Gaines Manufacturing Co., of McKenzie, Tenn., with plants in McKenzie, Knoxville, Tenn., and Booneville, Miss.

Dr. Cockroft formerly served as president of the Skyview Drive - In Theaters, Inc., and president of the Starlight Drive-In Theaters, Inc.

A native of Dyersburg, Tenn., he was born into a family with meager income. The family moved to Memphis when he was only six months old and he attended grammar school and high school there, but dropped out of high school after two years to work for a wholesale firm in order to give financial assistance to his family.

Dr. Cockroft then went to California, completing high school at Emmanuel Arts High School in Los Angeles. A scholar and an athlete, he received a combination academic-athletic scholarship to the University of Southern California.

He participated in baseball one year with the Trojans, becoming the only unbeaten pitcher on the squad with a 4-0 record.

While at USC he lived with his sister and her husband, Dr. W. T. Lowrey, who later became president of both Mississippi College and Blue Mountain College. Lowrey Hall at Mississippi College, home of the Division of Education and Psychology, is named in his honor.

Dr. Lowrey had tremendous influence on the life of young Cockroft and served as his guardian until he was in his late 20's. When Dr. Lowrey moved back to the South, Dr. Cockroft followed, settling in Memphis.

He entered the University of Tennessee Dental School — working at the Commercial Appeal and with the Memphis Park Commission to earn money — and graduated in 1928 with the highest four - year academic average of any student.

While in Dental School he played on the Doctor's football team for three years, operating both as a quarterback and a halfback.

Dr. Cockroft began his dental practice in Memphis in 1928 and remained in the profession until 1961 when he retired to devote full - time to the presidency of United Inns, Inc. and other auxiliary enterprises. His practice was interrupted for three years while he served in the Navy Dental Corps.

An active Baptist layman and member of the Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Dr. Cockroft has an enviable record of participation in numerous religious and civic affairs.

He is married to the former Gladys Blades of Brookhaven and the father of two daughters and two sons.

He has had a vested interest in Mississippi College for many years, with one of his sons, Dr. Robert L. Cockroft, graduating from the college in 1963. His nephew, Wayne Herbert of Jackson, currently serves as a part-time instructor in business and economics at the college.

Jones County Rally Is February 29

A giant evangelistic rally to be sponsored by Baptist Men's Organization of Jones County Association at First Church, Laurel, will be held February 29 (not February 20 as stated in February 17 Baptist Record.) The speaker will be Walter K. Ayers. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.



Dr. William B. Cockroft (left), of Memphis, Tenn., president of the United Inns, Inc., has given the Mississippi College COMMITMENT Campaign a tremendous liftoff with the largest single contribution in the college's 146-year history. The retired Memphis dentist heads the firm that operates Holiday Inns in Atlanta, Houston, Jacksonville, and Jackson plus a number of auxiliary enterprises. Pictured, left to right, are Dr. Cockroft; T. M. Hederman, Jr. of Jackson, past president of the college's Board of Trustees; Rowan Taylor, of Jackson, general chairman of COMMITMENT; and Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college. Mississippi College is seeking \$3 million in the campaign for capital improvements. (M.C. Photo by Norman Gough)

Denominational Worker Cannot Be Deterred From His Appointed Round!

BELTON, Tex. — Neither Richmond fog, nor turnpike flat tire, nor missed Dallas plane connection, nor broken aircraft cockpit indicator, nor dark of night landing in a strange, radioless airport kept Jesse C. Fletcher from his appointed round as a banquet speaker in Texas.

Fletcher, director of the mission support division of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., had been engaged as speaker at the Texas Baptist Public Relations Association's annual meeting here.

He was scheduled to leave Richmond at 9 a. m. on a flight which would have allowed him ample time to reach Dallas for a connecting flight to Temple, near Belton. He would even have had time to catch a nap before speaking.

Enter the Virginia fog, socking in Richmond airport for the entire day. Fletcher and another Texas - bound mission board staffer set out by automobile in the fog for Dulles International Airport, outside Washington, 100 miles away.

Next the flat tire on the four-lane

turnpike en route. The tire changed, the pair reached Dulles in time to make a later flight to Dallas but one that arrived in late afternoon, too late for the Temple connection.

From Dulles airport, Fletcher telephoned the SBC Annuity Board office in Dallas where he knew two officers who owned and piloted small personal aircraft. As a consequence, Gene P. Daniel, an Annuity Board vice president, met Fletcher's flight at Dallas Love Field, fourth busiest airport in the U.S.

Fletcher thought Daniel would fly him to Temple, 140 miles south of Dallas, but Daniel couldn't. Fletcher, a pilot himself, flew the borrowed craft. He took off from Love Field in a 1956-model, single engine Cessna 172 just ahead of a Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet, which, Fletcher said, "Seemed to be annoyed at my presence."

About 20 minutes after Fletcher left Love Field, Dallas, on the hour and 15-minute flight to Temple, it turned dark. Then the airspeed indicator, a

vital instrument in gauging landing speed, went on the blink. The cockpit lighting system, except for a small map light, also failed to function.

To make matters worse, Temple (population, 35,000) had no airport radio control tower to help guide Fletcher in. He made a pass at the runway, estimated he was flying at too great a speed, and throttled up to circle for another try, hoping there was no power line or other obstruction near the end of the Temple runway.

On the second try, Fletcher landed. But a pickup car that had been sent over from Belton 8 miles away, saw the little Cessna make its attempted landing and fly away again, and decided it was not the person to be picked up.

By the time Fletcher landed on his second attempt, his ground transportation had left the airport. Fletcher called a taxi for the final leg of the long day's journey.

P.S. He made the banquet and delivered his speech.

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EDITORIAL

Pray For President Nixon

When you receive the paper in which this editorial is published, President Nixon will, unless some unforeseeable hindrance arises, be in China.

Never has there been a time during his administration when he has had more urgent need for the prayers of the Christian people of the world.

In the conclusion of his address at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, two weeks ago, the President said: "...as you pray in the future, as these journeys (to Peking and Moscow) take place, will you pray primarily that this Nation, under God, in the person of its President, will to the best of our ability, be on God's side."

"...be on God's side." What tremendous words! This is a prayer that

all of us need to pray, that in all that we do, we shall be "on God's side." Certainly we should be praying this for our President. It does not make any difference whether we approve of his policies, or even if we did not agree with his decision to go to China. He did go. He is there. He needs our prayers. He has asked for them. We are under command from God to pray for our rulers.

Pray for President Nixon every day while he is on this, and future journeys, trying to bring about better relationships among the nations.

Pray that he may have the wisdom to know what is God's will in these matters.

Pray that he may have the courage to do God's will, and to stand for God's

purposes and principles in these meetings.

Pray that in them other nations, too, will be seeking for God's will to be done.

Pray that out of them will come more peace for the world, and also more freedoms for men.

Pray that the door once again may be opened, for the gospel to be proclaimed freely in China and in other Communist controlled lands.

This cannot be done by men, not even by the President but God can do it, and he can use a man like President Nixon to accomplish His will.

Let us pray earnestly that that is what will happen as a result of this visit.

Pray for President Nixon today.

Spiritual Movements Stirring Churches

Two amazing developments have come in American Christianity within the past few years, and still seem not to have reached their peak. They have reached across denominational lines, and have touched even the non-denominational groups. Southern Baptists have felt and are feeling their impact.

What are these two happenings which seem destined to bring changes in Southern Baptist life, as well as all across much of Christianity? They are the renewed interest in the work of the Holy Spirit in Christian lives and churches, and the new emphasis on Christian witness. The latter has taken the turn of becoming a program of "sharing" Christ with others.

Thrilling are the stories which are coming of the way that churches and individuals are being transformed and empowered by the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Of course, as always has been the case, such movements are accompanied by some extremism, and by some situations which tend to discredit the movement. Nevertheless, despite these, there is no doubt that God is moving among Christians today, and that spiritual "fullness" is

becoming an experience to more and more people. What a change it brings in Christian lives and in churches, when they allow the Holy Spirit to really take over, and fill and use their lives. More books on this subject than on almost any other single theological theme now are being published, and many, many Christians are becoming deeply concerned about a "deeper Christian life." We thank God for what this means in Southern Baptist life right now.

The desire to "share" the experience with Jesus Christ also is a widespread movement. Such programs began to be emphasized some years ago by Billy Graham and those associated in his ministry; Campus Crusade for Christ was built upon this program; individual churches and pastors began to use it; and then it became a denominational program with such groups as Southern Baptists, where the WIN program was developed. This now has reached a stage where Southern Baptist leaders anticipate having 100,000 trained lay witnesses at work by the middle of this year.

The other night we had the privilege of attending a dinner in our church for those who had taken the training for WIN witnessing, and for others who participate in the regular visitation witness program of the church. More than 150 persons were present, and it was an uplifting experience to see and hear these people, young and old, who are prepared to share their Christian experience with others.

Under this program, Christian witnessing has become SHARING the Christian experience with others. It does not minimize the importance of the message of God's Word and that definitely is used, as it always has been, but the emphasis now includes sharing our own personal experience with Christ. This is a bit demanding, for if a person has not had a meaningful personal experience with the Lord, he certainly cannot lead anybody else to Christ. After all, if he didn't have such an experience, he probably would not go out to try to reach others anyway.

We can rejoice and thank God for those movements, and can pray that their impact will reach every church. Is it happening in your church?

NEWEST BOOKS

Dr. John F. Carter of Clarke College Writes on Christian Doctrines

A LAYMAN'S MANUAL OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES by John F. Carter (Banner Press, 594 pp., paper \$4.75) Dr. John F. Carter has for 35 years been professor of Bible at Clarke Memorial College. Another four years was spent as Professor of Christian Doctrine and New Testament at Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's School in Kentucky. There are few men among Southern Baptists who have a better understanding of the Word of God, or who know how to express its great truths in simple, understandable language. Some years ago Dr. Carter published a Layman's Harmony of the Gospels. Now from his great heart and mind comes this new volume which presents the doctrines of the Bible in a language which can be understood even by the average reader. The book is profound in that it deals with great truths, yet at the same time is clear and simple in its presentation of those truths. The author deals with the doctrines of God, man, salvation, the church, the future and other Bible revelation. One does not have to have either a dictionary, a lexicon, a Bible dictionary or an encyclopedia in hand to understand what he is saying. Even the scriptures which are used are included in the text. In a day when so many people have little understanding of the great doctrines which undergird the Christian faith, and especially of those which are the foundation of our Baptist position and belief, this book is a welcome addition to the literature available to our people. We hope that it will have a wide reading by pastors, Sunday school teachers, other church leaders, and even the rank and file of our membership. They will have better understanding of their faith, and will be stronger in their Christian living, for having read, and for continuing to use this volume.

WAYS TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL by Charles T. Smith (Gospel Light, \$1.95, 127 pp., paper) A handbook for Sunday school leaders and teachers of children, grades 1 to 6. The methods presented take a fresh approach to communicating God's Word to children. Educational purposes and plans are outlined in detail.

THE BIBLE STORY PICTURE BOOK compiled by Eleanor L. Doan (Regal Books, 195 pp., \$4.95) These 96 stories which bring to life the rich history of the Bible were selected from Genesis to Revelation with the young child in mind. The foreword by Mrs. Billy Graham holds a relevant message for every parent. The charming style of the stories makes them exciting for small children to listen to and easy for older children to read for themselves. Each Bible story is complete with a full-color picture and family discussion suggestions.

THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS by M. F. Keathley, Sr. (Naylor Company, 119 pp., \$4.95) Did you ever eat one of the little Keathley (or Tom's) Pecan pies? You probably have since they have been around for a long time. Here is the story of how those products came into existence. It is the delightful reminiscences of a man and his wife who built a little home pie business into a successful, flourishing bakery operation. The Keathleys live in Memphis. In this book Mr. Keathley tells of his boyhood, of the early years, of marriage, of difficult times in the depression days, of the "pie" idea and the small start, and of the gradual development into big business making numerous baked products which are now sold across America. It is a simple, home-spun story, of love and faith in God and hard work. Moreover, Mr. Keathley is a faithful steward and has honored God with his life and means. He is a Baptist and he and his wife have been active church members.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Appreciation: A Letter To Mississippi Baptists

Dear Friends,

I just want to write and express to you my appreciation for your people in Mississippi. Over the past four years since I've been in Montana I have witnessed the warmth and love with which your people carry out their ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ. I have met so many of your wonderful people and I thrill at the way you are so mission minded. We have been most richly blessed as a church because Mississippi cared.

Our former pastor and founder, Rev. Robert E. Wall (now with Mississippi College at Clinton) brought to us his love and leadership, and his job would not have been as effective without the prayers and financial support that many of you gave during his ministry here. During this time when we are without a shepherd we feel your prayers for us and thank you for the Spirit of the love that binds us together though we are miles apart. We are one in the Spirit of Christ and we are praying for your work there too.

One day I hope to come to Mississippi and thank you personally, but until then please know that your great love of Missions does not go unnoticed. God bless you each one as you serve the King of Kings. I hope to subscribe to the Record soon so I can keep up with you.

Mrs. Rosalie Hicklin
Clerk and Music Director of
Easthaven Baptist Church
Kalispell, Montana

A CUP OF COLD WATER by Robert E. Bingham (Convention Press, paper, 112 pp.).

This is a book on ministering through the Sunday school, to the needs of families, the ill and the handicapped, persons with economic needs, persons with specialized needs.

MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH CHARLES by Frances Gardner Hunter (Regal, paper, \$1.95) Paper back reprint of the delightful story of an outstanding Christian woman who also is a widely known writer and speaker on Spiritual living. This book tells the story of how the Lord directed her to the right companion for her life. It is an amazing story of Christian faith and divine leadership.

PRAISE THE LORD ANYWAY by Frances Gardner Hunter (Warner Press, 96 pp., paper, 95c) **Hang Loose With Jesus** by Frances Gardner Hunter (Warner Press, 96 pp., paper, 95c) Two new books by the author of GOD IS FABULOUS and HOT LINE TO HEAVEN. The first of the new books tells how to Praise the Lord, no matter what happens. The second reveals how God uses the life that is completely yielded to him. This amazing woman, who found the Lord late in life, and then turned her whole life over to Him, and thus found the meaning of victorious living, shares her experiences in the pages of her books. They are exciting to read and rich in illustration. Your life will be blessed and strengthened when you get acquainted with Frances Gardner Hunter, and you can get to know her through her books. Read one and you will want them all.

SUCCESSFUL LESSON PREPARATION by Elmer L. Towns (Baker, paper, 35 pp., 75c).

The book is small but the author has included what he feels "a conscientious Sunday school teacher needs."

VENTURES IN WORSHIP edited by David James Randolph (Abingdon Press, \$2.50) Here are new and up-to-date items on the nature and shape of worship, and how changes in worship patterns come about.

SNAPPY STEEPLE STORIES by Oren Arnold (Regal, paper, \$1.00 pp.) A compilation of church humor: anecdotes.

POINTED OBJECT LESSONS by Willard S. Smith (Baker, 128 pp., \$1.50). In words and with examples that will arrest the young, the author teaches spiritual truths by means of familiar objects.

PARABLES OF THE MASTER by Louis O. Caldwell (Baker, paper, 127 pp., \$1.25) A Discussion Guide for Teens, in studying fifteen of the parables of Christ.



"AS I LOOK BACK THROUGH THE YEARS I CAN SEE NOW THAT THE THING THAT WAS URGING ME ON DURING MY YOUNGER DAYS WAS A DESIRE TO FIND JESUS CHRIST. I BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PRESENT IN EVERY ONE OF US, AND HE IS URGING US TO ACCEPT CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR."
— TOM LANDRY, COACH OF THE WORLD CHAMPION DALLAS COWBOYS

Personal Testimony

The Epistle

The story is told of a teacher who asked a pupil the meaning of the word "epistle." He studied a moment and then blurted out, "An epistle is the wife of an apostle." We laugh and say, "Go to the foot of the class, boy; an epistle is a letter, especially of sacred character or of literary excellence."

The postage stamp is barely 130 years of age, but the letter is centuries old. In the archives of man are vast collections of ancient letters which have helped greatly in the study of languages and customs. They were written on pottery, clay tablets, skins and papyrus. The studies reveal that the materials were poor, the transportation slow, the processes expensive. But the letters were wonderful. There were business letters and love letters, just as today. The most treasured of all are the epistles in the New Testament.

No letter from Jesus of Nazareth. Not one piece of writing from that host of all hands. Yet the letters about Jesus are so full of beauty and meaning.

Stamp collecting is not only a very popular hobby but is a multi-million dollars business. Far more important than the stamp, surely, is the message in the letter.

Now we are at the heart of the matter. It is the content that counts. In writing to the church at Corinth the apostle Paul asked a very pointed question: "Do we need letters of commendation? What good will it do for us to write epistles for purposes of recommendation?" Why did he ask this question in such a way as to indicate that the answer had to be negative? He makes it all clear: "You have written the letter of recommendation. You have written it in our hearts. There it is an open letter to be read by all." That's great!

Paul goes on to say just what we have been trying to emphasize: that the epistle was not written with ink on the usual paper but by the Spirit of the living God on the fleshly tablets—hearts.

Here the preacher has a hard time refraining from preaching. If I were to outline a sermon on this theme, I would develop five points. Here is the skeleton. See if you can put the meat on the bones.

Christianity written on the soul is Christianity in its most legible form. Even a child can read it.

Christianity written on the soul is Christianity in its most convincing form. One Christ-like life has transforming power.

Christianity written on the soul is Christianity in its most persuasive form. The Word made flesh is the mightiest testimony.

Christianity written on the soul is Christianity in its most enduring form. The tablet is imperishable.

Christianity written on the soul is Christianity in its divinest form. The human hand can write upon many things; God alone can write upon the heart.

You—yes, you—are somebody's epistle!

On The MORAL SCENE...

Rainfall in the Northeastern United States has become "surprisingly acid," according to a study just completed by three scientists. The cause is thought to be increased air pollution, and if the trend follows a pattern already observed in Scandinavia there is a threat of contamination of some of the area's land and water. — (By David Bird, New York Times News Service, 2-2-72)

The nation's cigarette manufacturers still deny that their products can be bad for people, but they have agreed to post a black-bordered health warning in all their advertisements. The consent order signed by the six major cigarette makers marked the climax of an eight-year effort by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to regulate cigarette ads. The order, announced recently, would require all printed promotion to carry the standard "caution in prominent, black type: 'Warning: the surgeon general has determined that cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health.'" "We want the average consumer to notice this, so that it shows there's another side to the messages about 'smoking pleasure,'" said Robert Pitofsky, chief of the FTC's Consumer Protection Bu-



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

My Mother will love the new dress I bought at McRae's Midnight Madness recently. She'll love it because it covers all of my knees and good bit of my legs below the knees.

However, the boys who live at our house said, "Mother, that dress is too long." Here I am, smack in the middle of two generation gaps.

But, you know, I understand our boys better because of the shorter skirts that came into style a few seasons back. As my hemlines went up so did Mother's eyebrows. She was afraid I would be criticized, and she felt I did not look as nice. At the same time she felt my dresses were too short, the boys insisted they weren't short enough to be properly stylish.

During those months when I wore shorter skirts than Mother thought I should, I never once questioned her concern for me, never once felt she was wrong and I was right, never once loved her less. It was simply a difference of opinion on style, and there was not a thing personal toward my mother when I followed my opinion instead of hers.

Because of this I can see that many parents in my age-group turn too many issues into personal feelings. A for instance: the fact that our boys like longer hair styles for males than I do doesn't mean they're right and I'm wrong, or that they love me less. Completely apart from anything personal, it's a matter of opinion on style. And, as I have heard two fine men over thirty say recently, long hair is now a style—it is no longer a symbol of rebellion or irresponsibility.

Another thing, just as I felt that shorter skirts did not make me a less dedicated Christian, I now feel that longer hair doesn't make a boy or a man a less dedicated Christian.

I'm sure whoever started the shorter hemlines had no intention of helping mothers understand their sons better, but that's the way it turned out for this mother. And I'm glad. — Address: Box 9151, Jackson.

EDUCATION...what's happening

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly.

The greatness of this country does not lie in what government has done for the people, but in what the people have done for themselves.—Nixon

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Attempts And Expectations In Home Missions

When William Carey said, "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God" 180 years ago, a tiny purse was collected to launch him toward India. The theme and the resulting action snowballed into world missions on a grand scale.



Here Kenneth L. Chafin, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board (right) and Nathan Porter, associate director of student evangelism, lead a lay evangelism school in Houston. The next big attempt will be evangelism projects with high school students — with the expectation that funds will become available in the Easter offering. —Evangelism Association: \$200,000.



SPECIAL MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS — Summer mission personnel and US-2 missionaries take the message and ministries of Christ into places career missionaries don't have time to touch. Here Linda Miller (right), carries on her two-year assignment to work at the University of Delaware. US-2 and Summer Missionaries Allocations: \$365,000.

"Expect-Attempt" applied to today's missions opportunities means a bigger job than even Carey dreamed. On the home front of Southern Baptist missions are more than 2,227 missionaries, more missionaries seeking appointment than can be financed, and a need for at least \$6,000,000.



CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES — Two major prongs of home missions are associational services and Christian social ministries. Both kinds of work helped set the stage for these children's play with Pastor F. S. Butler in Circle City, Indiana. The Indianapolis Association, like others have done or wish to do, has employed a director of Christian social ministries. —Associational Services and Christian Social Ministries Allocations: \$1,515,000.



WORK WITH NATIONAL BAPTISTS — Dr. W. Taft Watts (right), directs the Baptist Educational Center in Oklahoma City. Appointment of missionaries and youth workers, campus ministries, camps, conferences, and special projects—these are among work the Home Mission Board attempts with National Baptists. National Baptist Allocation: \$370,000.



THE FRUIT of home mission work with Cherokee Indians is the Indian Baptist Assembly in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, owned by the Cherokee Baptist Association. Here leaders are trained and young people are nurtured. At a young people's camp, Sammy Hogshooter was elected chief of the assembly for 1971-72, and Reba Secord was elected princess. (Language Missions Allocation \$1,645,000.)

CHURCH EXTENSION — Candewood Baptist Church, Danbury, Connecticut, grew out of the Bible study fellowship begun by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Logsdon (extreme right and left). Home fellowships, special ministries, and community events are the strategy for the Extend Now effort. In church extension the Home Mission Board helps underwrite approximately 600 pastors in mission situations. —Church Extension Allocation: \$1,000,000.



TV EVANGELISM (Photo by John Havlik) — Kenneth Chafin (standing, left), checks signals with the studio crew filming a pilot television evangelistic program. Every cent of the Easter offering beyond \$6,000,000 will go towards airing TV evangelism regularly.



Goal: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering For Home Missions -- \$6,000,000

'Queen Of The Dark Chamber' Film Set For Spring Release

By Linda B. Kines
Southern Baptist missionary Rosalie Hunt temporarily became a movie star in Taiwan to film a Christian witness for Chinese overseas and in the States.

Mrs. Hunt portrayed a pioneer missionary to China in the 50-minute, color film "Queen of the Dark Chamber," based on an autobiography of the same title by Christiansa Tsai.

Originally made in the Mandarin Chinese dialect with English subtitles, the film will be ready for release this spring with soundtracks in English and in the Cantonese and Amoy dialects.

"My husband Bob thought the movie's title sounded like an X-rated film," Mrs. Hunt said.

"Queen of the Dark Chamber" is what Christiansa Tsai, a famous Chinese 'Bible woman,' once called herself, realizing she would have to spend the rest of her life in a darkened room because malaria germs had infected her eyes and made light agonizingly painful. "Bible woman" was what the Chinese called one who gave her whole time to witnessing.

Carey Announces Choral Workshop

William Carey College's School of Music has announced tentative plans for a Church Music Choral Workshop on the Hattiesburg campus, April 26-28. According to Dr. Donald Winters, dean of the Carey School of Music, the following outstanding program personnel members will be present: Dr. Elaine Brown, founder and director of the "Singing City" of Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. William J. Reynolds, executive secretary of the Church Music Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board; and Leroy Till, minister of music for First Church, Dallas, Texas. Further details of the workshop will be announced later.

"As a child, I lived with my Southern Baptist missionary parents in China just 40 miles from where the actual events in the book and movie took place," Mrs. Hunt said.

She lived in Kiangsu Province, China, five years altogether.

Mrs. Hunt was suggested for a leading role by Andrew Ho, a graduate of Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary. He was studying in the States when asked by the Chinese Christian Mission, Inc., in Detroit, Mich., to produce a Chinese movie in Taiwan.

Ho was looking for someone "fairly young and able to speak Mandarin Chinese" for the part of Mary Lehman, Christiansa Tsai's lifelong friend.

Mary Lehman, with Christiansa Tsai's help, finished what her missionary father had begun — a Bible that all China could read. Miss Tsai assisted in putting phonetic symbols in the text.

Mrs. Hunt said she reread the autobiography before filming and tried to feel the events in Mary Lehman's life.

"I could especially rejoice with Mary Lehman in the completion of the phonetic Bible because I, too, had struggled through trying to learn to speak and read Chinese," Mrs. Hunt said.

Mrs. Hunt noted that "Mary Lehman" presented many challenges to the movie's makeup and wardrobe crew.

"It was amazing that no matter what I wore, I always came out looking like a Chinese because the makeup artist had never worked on foreigners before," said Mrs. Hunt.

"However," she continued, "it was just as well, because Mary Lehman had always dressed in Chinese fashion in real life."

In early scenes Mrs. Hunt was to be

about 25 years old, which "suited her fine but didn't last long."

"I wore braids then, but aged quickly — 30, 40, 45 — and finally to 55, complete with 'missionary bun' and rimless glasses," Mrs. Hunt said.

Mary Lehman as a child was portrayed by Mrs. Hunt's daughter Alice.

"Alice was already 11," Mrs. Hunt said, "but she said she would shrink obligingly and look the part of a 10 year old."

The cameramen and crew gave Alice directions in Chinese, but this did not hamper filming since she had



Mrs. Rosalie Hunt, missionary to Taiwan, practices a scene from the Christian film "Queen of the Dark Chamber," in which she had a leading role. The 50-minute, color film produced by the Chinese Christian Mission, Inc., of Detroit, Mich., will be released this spring with an English soundtrack. Mrs. Hunt and her husband Bob minister to students on the island of Taiwan. They were living in Booneville, Miss., where he was Baptist Student Union director for Northeast Mississippi Junior College, before appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961.

been speaking Mandarin from the age of three.

The film took a month to make in locations with "genuine Old China flavor" during the "sometimes unbearably" hot summer of 1970.

Sequences with Christiansa and Mary in the "dark chamber," a small room with only one small door and the windows covered with black curtains, caused special problems for "Mary Lehman."

"There always seemed to be 15 or 20 camera and crew men crowded in to the tiny room with us," Mrs. Hunt said. It was at such times that the "occidental in her rose to the fore."

"Christiana lay on the bed clothed in heavy black satin with long sleeves, under a wool blanket, serenely smiling, calm and cool," Mrs. Hunt explained.

"Next to Christiansa sat Mary Lehman in a much thinner dress and no blanket, literally dripping with perspiration," she said. "They often had to hold the camera while a makeup girl carefully blotted my face."

Christiana Tsai, who is in her 80s, and Mary Lehman, in her 90s, are both living today at the Lehman family home in Paradise, Pa., said Mrs. Hunt. The producer consulted both before the story was filmed.

Chinese and American actors in the movie gave their time without pay. Southern Baptist missionaries Herb and Emma Jean Barker played Mary Lehman's parents in the film. Volunteer actors represented a number of denominations.

The original film in Mandarin with English subtitles was released in February 1971. It has been shown in Baptist churches in North America, Hong Kong, and Taiwan with "tremendous responses," according to Thomas Wang, General Secretary of the Chinese Christian Mission, Inc.

"It is our hope that the message of this movie will continue to work in hearts and change lives," said Mrs. Hunt.

Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, Holds "Honor The Clergy" Week

Deacons and members of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, observed "Honor the Clergy Week" recently for their pastor, Rev. Wilson Winstead, and his family. This was initiated by the deacons and their chairman, Frank Sills.

During the entire week some expression of thoughtfulness and love was shown each day. Among these were, cards, noon and evening meals, sunshine baskets, books, money, flowers, and verbal expressions of, "I love You, Pastor."

The pastor was made to feel that he was needed and appreciated. Thus, the people said to their pastor, "We do not just take you for granted, but we love you and appreciate your work among us."

P.S. The pastor sent this information to the Baptist Record for the purpose of letting his people know how much he appreciates them. Sharing what they have done for him with others, he hopes that it may be an inspiration to other churches to so honor their pastors.

Scenic Point In Ozark Mountains Available For Church Groups' Use

G. F. Alcott, registrar, Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632, has revealed that the colony has facilities available for use by interested church groups.

He states, "We've a large, modern girls' dorm which we let to church and school groups in summer before June 17 and after July 30. These groups mostly come — young folks — for retreats and to see the Passion Play. Located some 600 feet above the White River and overlooking it, the 'Point' is in the really scenic part of the Ozarks."

"The dorm has lavatories, showers, hot and cold water, electric lights, and a large reception hall with grand piano. We charge a low rate, \$2.50 for the first night, \$2 for succeeding nights. Among the many who came last summer was a group from the Nesbit Baptist Church, Nesbit, Miss. Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor."

"We keep the rate very low, for we know young folks can rarely pay the higher summer motel rates here. The income helps a bit for our scholarship fund. The colony (a school) is an opera workshop, sponsored by the Federated Music Clubs of Kansas,

Arkansas, and Missouri, and operated by a non-profit corporation formed by the clubs."

Mrs. Lorena Bankston Dies In Hattiesburg

Funeral services were held January 30 for Mrs. Lorena Gibson Bankston, 71, of 201 Unetta St., Hattiesburg, who died Friday night, January 28, at her home. Rev. Garland McInnis and Rev. W. N. Johnson officiated.

Survivors are four daughters, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and two sisters.

Mrs. Bankston and her husband, A. H. Bankston, who preceded her in death nine months ago, were charter members of Southside Church, Hattiesburg. Mr. McInnis, who was Mrs. Bankston's pastor for 25 years, says, "She was a faithful, devoted Christian and church member." His subject for her funeral was "God's Jewel Case," using Malachi 3:17: "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

"Life Is Full Of The Joys Of Taking Risks..."

COLUMBUS, Miss. — "All life is not joyful, but the real joy is in the running — or how you face the challenge."

"There are no easy solutions. Life is a continuing struggle of new arenas with new challenges and new opportunities. It never levels off."

Relating this philosophy to his own personal experiences, nationally recognized minister-entertainer Grady Nutt launched a week-long search at Mississippi State College for Women into "What the world needs now..." the theme of Student Interfaith Association's Religious Emphasis Week.

Proving his personality definitely fits his last name, the Rev. Nutt frequently interspersed "his personal parables" with generous portions of his own style of humor — much to the liking of students.

His brand of wit, however, took a fresh twist. His theory is "Humor is a way to interpret rather than a way to be funny." As Will Rogers said, "it takes wit to reflect truth."

Thus, Rev. Nutt interprets Simon Peter as a Barney Fife and sees the baby Jesus smiling "because he can't figure out what his halo is."

Along with humor came entertainment. Students at MSCW joined audiences across the nation who have delighted to his piano renditions of "Ebb Tide," and "Misty" and his version of "Bye, Bye, Black Bird," performed on the "tiple," a ten-string ukulele, while they chuckled to his imitation of Simon Peter, a la Barney Fife, hesitantly following Jesus into Samaria.

Completing the young minister's image was a Tennessee Ernie Ford twang, the product of his Texas and Kentucky background, and a polished appearance — square toe patent leather boots, flare-leg pants, navy blazer, paisley shirt, red and blue polka-dot tie, sideburns, medium length hair and Walrus moustache.

But beyond the polish was substance.

"Before you can find what the world needs now, you've got to be realistic in understanding what the world is up to," he told students.

He cites two main areas where today's youth have been misled.

"First, youth are led to believe that when they reach 21 or adulthood, they have received the key to life. They are led to believe that it is a time to level off."

"This is quite the contrary. Instead, you're entering a whole arena of new

adulthood with its own challenges. Life never levels off."

He continues: "Second, during the late adolescence to age 30, you'll make the most important decisions you'll ever have to make."

Facing these years with uncertainty is not abnormal, states the minister-entertainer. And he admits that the Christian religion will not give cut and dried conclusions to the problems one faces. But he stresses that it can give direction.

He places first importance on "surrendering to the will of God and then rejoicing in it." He detests the image of the person who surrenders and then remains sullen for the remainder of his life.

"Too, often the church has read recipes and never served food," he attests.

"Life is full of the joys of taking risks, and then growing and learning from one's failure and successes. And it is a happy life."

He places highest emphasis on honesty with God and self-respect. He is the author of a book which is devoted

to those two ideals, captioned in this passage: "I am a person of worth created in the image of God to relate and to live!"

Sharing his own personal experiences, he points to the challenges he has faced in his young adulthood.

A marriage characterized by a flawless first year and preceded by a perfect courtship and engagement period slowly began to crumble. He and his wife faced the challenge with "hope and love" and chose professional counseling for help.

"I realized that I had to stop being a perpetual adolescent and she realized she had to stop being my shadow and be a person," he recounts, pointing out to students that making a marriage work is one of the challenges they will face.

His career had not been marked by simplicity either. He's followed six major vocational directions in the past 15 years, beginning with youth director and progressing to his present occupation of free lance minister-entertainer, appearing at colleges and conferences and on television shows such as "The Mike Douglas Show."

He stresses to students to consider their vocation as an extension of themselves, "not just something to do to make money" and to not hesitate to accept career options "if you feel you have the right experience."

"I see my career as a progression with all experience determining who I am when I face other options."

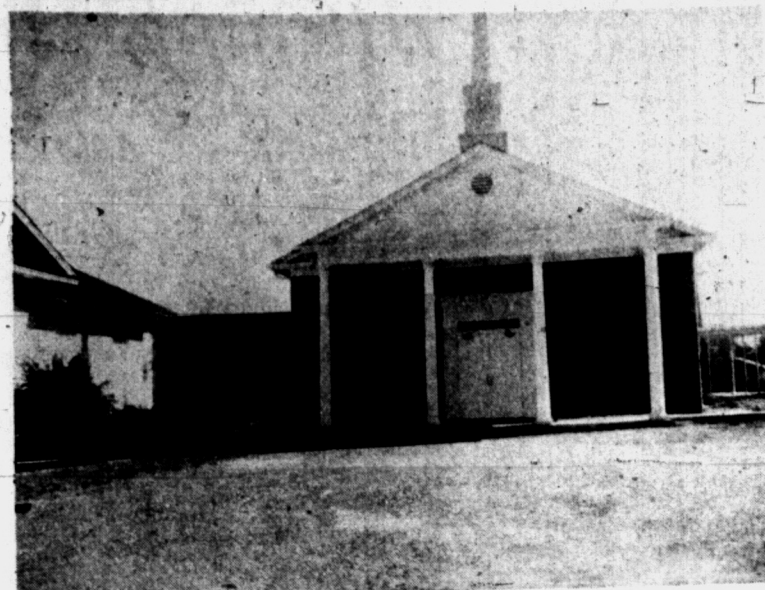
"Right now I'm doing all the things I like to do but I don't know where I'll be five years from now either."

In these two personal stories, as in others he related throughout the week, he continually stressed the enjoyment of life, "a point which is particularly relevant to college students," one of his listeners later reflected. She explained why:

"So often we live in terms of 'until'—I can't wait until I finish college, I can't wait until I get married, I can't wait until Friday gets here."

"We never think about what's here or the experiences we are having now."

"Like Grady said, we're never thinking about relating and living — now."



Open House At Weir's New Church

Weir Church will have open house in their new building from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 27. All friends of the church are invited to attend. There will be no formal program or service in the afternoon, but the building will be open for viewing. Rev. Leon Ballard is pastor.

Names In The News

Louie Farmer, Jr., director of Baptist student work at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, was one of ten persons participating in a workshop on "Models of Student Ministries" Feb. 7-11. Held at the church program training center, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, the workshop was directed by Arthur Driscoll, consultant, national student ministries.

G. Edward Ludlow, associate professor of organ and church music at Blue Mountain College, will be presented in a guest recital at Mississippi College on Sunday, Feb. 27. Billy K. Trotter, assistant professor of music at Mississippi College, said the program would start at 3 p. m. in the Provine Chapel. The public is invited. Mr. Ludlow's program will include works from the 18th century, to the most modern organ compositions. He utilizes some new techniques of organ playing.

Robert "Mickey" King of Iuka was elected president of Mississippi Beta Clubs at the conclusion of the two-day annual convention in Jackson. High school chapters are affiliated with the National Beta Club, an honorary for leadership, character, attitude and scholarship. He is an eleventh grade student at Iuka High School. One of his many school activities is his membership in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a very member of Iuka Baptist Church, Rev. Harris Counce, Jr., pastor, and is president of the Christian Youth Organization, Life. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bobby King of Iuka.

Dr. Jerry Robinson, Jr., native of McComb, Ms., and associate professor in sociology and rural sociology at the University of Illinois, has been named project director of a new "Process Skills" training program in organization development and human relations at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Campaign. Before becoming involved in the development of the "Process Skills" materials, Robinson served as associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Brookhaven, Mississippi. Robinson, his wife Barbara (formerly Barbara Byrd of Brookhaven, Mississippi) and their five children reside at 402 W. Florida, Urbana, Illinois.

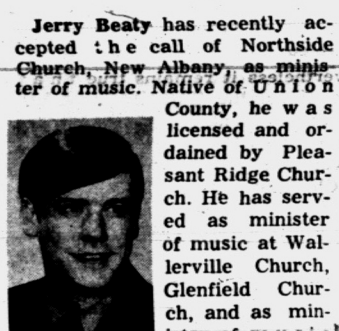
Rev. and Mrs. Ervin Brown are making plans for the Holy Land Tour that they will take March 14-23. He has been superintendent of missions of Desoto Association for ten years, and different churches and individuals in the county are joining together to present the tour as a gift. Rev. Bill Roby, pastor of First Church, Horn Lake, will also be going with the same tour group.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry A. Rankin, missionaries, may now be addressed at Dji. Chairil, Anwar 25, Djember, Indonesia. A Mississippian, Rankin was born in Tupelo and grew up in Clinton; Mrs. Rankin, the former Bobbie Simmons, was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Lincoln County, Miss.



Robert Hederman, left, and W. Levon Moore, trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board from Mississippi, participate in the semi-annual meeting of trustees Feb. 1 in Nashville. Hederman is publisher, The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, and Dr. Moore is pastor, First Church, Pontotoc. (BSSB Photos)

Rev. E. C. Tucker has accepted a call from Laurel Hill Church, Neshoba County. Mr. Tucker and his family have moved into the pastor's home on the church field. He was formerly pastor of churches in Scott, Leake, and Neshoba Counties.



Jerry Beatty has recently accepted the call of Northside Church, New Albany, as minister of music. Native of Union County, he was licensed and ordained by Pleasant Ridge Church. He has served as minister of music at Wallerville Church, Glenfield Church, and as minister of music at First Church, Horn Lake. A student at Blue Mountain College, he is working toward a B.M. degree with a major in voice. He and his wife, the former Linda Johnson of Coldwater, now reside at 126 Tate St., New Albany.

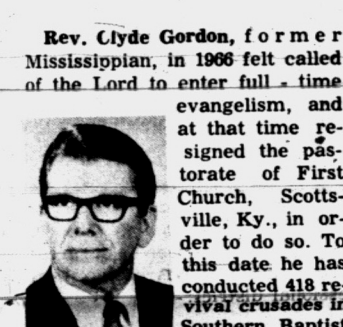
Rev. V. R. Crider has resigned the pastorate of Pilgrim's Rest in Copiah County, and has moved back to his home at Plain in Rankin County. He is available for supply, interim pastorate, or for a pastorate if he may be allowed to continue to live in his own home. Mr. Crider says, "I have just concluded 34 years of full-time pastoring, but am not ready to be put on the shelf." His address is Route 1, Box 100, Florence, Ms. 39073 (phone 939-4879).



Dr. James Downey of the faculty of the School of Music of William Carey College will address the members of the Southern Anthropological Association in its annual meeting in Columbia, Missouri on February 24. The title of his paper is "The Music of the Negro Church, 1972" and it will be accompanied by recorded selections taken from the worship services of two Hattiesburg Negro churches, New Ebenezer Baptist and Sweet Pilgrim Baptist.



Rev. Clyde Gordon, former Mississippian, in 1966 felt called of the Lord to enter full-time evangelism, and at that time resigned the pastorate of First Church, Scottsville, Ky., in order to do so. To this date he has conducted 418 revival crusades in Southern Baptist churches throughout the convention. He feels that the Lord is blessing his ministry, for he continues to see results, in the salvation of many souls. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, who make their home in Bowling Green, Ky., are parents of four sons, three of whom were called to preach. Mr. Gordon says of them, "Richard is pastor of First Church, Ruleville, Ms.; Paul is pastor in Jesup, Ga.; and Marvin has gone home to be with God. David is on the administrative staff at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Ky."



Danny South has accepted the call to serve as minister of music for Fairhaven Church, Desoto Association. Rev. Armond Taylor is pastor.

Miss Shirley Jackson, who has completed a short furlough in the States, was scheduled to return Dec. 30 to Brazil (address: Caixa 950-ZC-00, 20000 Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil). Born in Bentonville, Ark., Miss Jackson grew up near Natchez, Miss.

Rev. H. R. Caldwell, pastor, Cedar View Church, Desoto Association, recently returned home from the hospital following a severe heart attack on December 24. The laymen in his church have been filling the pulpit in his absence.

Rev. Bob Barker, Jr. completes his first year in full-time evangelism during February. He began his ministry in Magnolia, Mississippi, and will complete the first year at a revival in First Church, Bay Saint Louis.

In all, he has preached 46 revivals with over 2000 professions of faith. He has preached in ten states with his ministry extending from Miami, Florida to Los Angeles, California. There are several open dates for 1972 and he can be reached at P. O. Box 523, Mobile, Alabama.

William Carey College graduate music student, Clark Adams, will present his graduate recital on Thursday evening, February 24 in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium. One of four students to be the first to earn master of music degrees at Carey on May 27 of this year, Adams has already accepted a position teaching on the faculty of Clarke College in Newton.



Rev. John McDonald (left), Mississippi Alumni President, recently participated in a two-day evaluation and planning session of the Southern Seminary Alumni Advisory Council, which established a \$50,000 goal for the 1972 Alumni Fund. McDonald, pastor of Robinson Street Church, Jackson, is welcomed to the seminary campus by Herbert Gilmore, Jr. (center), National Alumni President, and Forrest Heeren, Dean of the School of Church Music.

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Capstone Of Jesus' Ministry: His Resurrection From The Grave

By Clifton J. Allen
Luke 24:1-49

The Lesson Explained

THE UNRECOGNIZED PRESENCE
(vv. 13-16)

The Christian gospel is the good news about God's saving work in Christ. But the electrifying fact that validates the good news is that Jesus Christ arose from the dead. This lesson should be studied in the light of our series of lessons from the Gospel of Luke. From beginning to end, it is a message of good news. The climax and capstone of Jesus' ministry was his resurrection from the grave. Again Luke has preserved in his account a distinctive event: he tells of Jesus' appearance to and walk with the two disciples on the way of Emmaus, and he tells also of how Jesus interpreted the Scriptures to them and later on opened the minds of the disciples so that they might understand the witness of the Scriptures relative to Christ and his saving mission.

had been condemned to death and had been crucified. It was the third day since that terrible event. And now the news of the empty tomb! But they simply could not believe it. Nothing seemed left but the bitterness of having hoped in vain. How true, if Christ were not risen, there would be no ground for hope.

THE CLUE TO THE SCRIPTURES
(vv. 25-27)

Jesus understood the despair of the two disciples. For this reason he joined them to give them certainty of faith and hope. His rebuke for their slowness to believe was not cruel but was forthright. Why had they been so unbelieving? The reason is that they had not understood the Scriptures. As they walked along, Jesus interpreted to them, "beginning at Moses and all the prophets," the things concerning himself. He surely interpreted the covenant promise made to Abraham.

Jesus surely related the teaching of Isaiah about the Suffering Servant to his own redemptive mission and helped the two despairing disciples to be convinced that he had come to fulfill

God's purpose of redemption through Israel. Jesus was helping them to see that the clue to the meaning of the Scriptures is God's perfect revelation in his Son and that the dominant witness of the Scriptures points to the necessity for the death of Christ and his resurrection to accomplish the purpose of God. The message of the Scripture, above all, is the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

BURNING HEARTS (vv. 28-35)

When the two companions and Jesus reached the village where they were going, Jesus appeared to go on. But they constrained him to go in with them. Still not recognizing him, they yearned not to be separated from him. Jesus the guest then assumed the role of host to bless and break the bread — and then they knew him! His purpose was fulfilled; he vanished out of their sight. And all they could think of was how their hearts had burned within them as he walked with them along the way and opened to them the Scriptures. The fellowship of his presence had set their hearts on fire with new hope and had

filled their minds with deep conviction that gave them assurance. No wonder they rushed back to Jerusalem to share their glad news with the eleven disciples. But even before they could tell their good news, they heard from the eleven that already that day Jesus, actually alive from the dead, had appeared to Simon. And as we learn from the subsequent verses, presently Jesus stood in the midst to assure them that he was their living Lord.

Truths to Live By

Jesus is really alive in this world. — This means that he is not far removed from the sorrows and woes of mankind, from the wickedness of evil men, or from the strife and suffering which envelop hundreds of millions of persons in the world. In ways beyond our comprehension, the living Christ is present in his church, for it is the body of Christ. And he is present in sovereign power over men and nations to accomplish by his Spirit the purposes of God for this present age. He is alive in this world in acts of righteous judgment, and he is alive in redeeming all who will put their faith in him to become trophies of his grace in the family of God. The certainty that Jesus Christ is alive in this world means that there is hope for a new world, for he is making all things new.

Life can be a daily walk with the living Christ. — Christ is always in our midst. He is our eternal contemporary. But companionship with Christ calls for response to him. He

offers to join us and to walk with us. Walking together suggests agreement; it suggests intimacy; it suggests fellowship in the deep things of life. This is what the life of the Christian is meant to be, what it ought to be, for every day can be a holy experience of enjoying the friendship of Christ and going forward in companionship with him. The road will sometimes be rough. There will be strain and weariness. There will be times of bitter disappointment from crushed hopes and bitter agony from moral failures. But the companionship of Christ will turn gloom into joy and weakness into strength.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Christians Are Citizens Of Two Kingdoms

Luke 20:19-26; 21:1-4

By Bill Duncan

An aged Christian mother heard one of her sons describe his brother's sudden rise to wealth. When he finished telling about his brother's money, luxurious home and new cars, he declared, "John is really getting on in the world." The mother looked soberly at her son and asked, "which world?"

There is a difference in the two kingdoms, or governments that Jesus spoke about. The scribes and chief priests wanted to put Jesus in a bad position with the authorities of the government. If the government thought he was trying to be hostile or dangerous to peace, then they could arrest Jesus without the people blaming the religious leaders. So they asked a leading question, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar?" Any way he answered someone would have gotten mad. But Jesus was so wise, he asked for a coin and pointed out this truth. There is an inscription to Caesar and God. The truth of the Word of God is that there is a great difference between the kingdoms and we are to fear God and honor the King. "If we accept Caesar's currency and use it, you are bound to accept Caesar's right to impose taxes, but there is a domain in which Caesar's writ does not run and which belongs wholly to God."

If a man lives in the state, and enjoys all the privileges of a state, he cannot divorce himself from the state. We Baptist believe in separation of Church and State, but we know that as residents of a community we must be good citizens of the government.

The more honest a man is, the better citizen he will be. There should be no better and no more conscientious citizens of any state than Christians; and one of the tragedies of modern life is that Christians will not take their part in the government of the state. If they abandon their responsibilities, and leave selfish politicians to govern the country, they cannot complain about what is happening, and what will happen.

There should be an evidence of Christianity in our life in the way we drive according to the law. Yet, a Catholic priest commented that in over ten years of hearing confessions, no driver ever said, Bless me, Father, I have run a red light." A Christian highway patrolman asked a minister why he had been driving carelessly and was told, "I was thinking about the spiritual needs of my members." The same patrolman spoke to a Baptist Brotherhood Convention about the need of Christians obeying the law and setting examples on the road. Within an hour after the meeting, three of the Baptist were arrested for speeding. But there are some who take their religion behind the steering wheel. A traffic officer commented about the courteous, cooperative drivers coming to and from a Billy Graham meeting. "If religion causes that kind of driving, then more people should get religion."

Rev. Henry C. Schaderberg was exhorting members of Plymouth Congregational Church, Burlington, Wisconsin, to elevate politics by personal participation. "Put up or shut up," a heckler challenged him. "Why don't you do what you're always asking us to do?"

Pastor Schaderberg had been saying that "older citizens ought to sacrifice a few comfortable years to running for office." He suggested that

"Christian citizens could help make politics decent instead of dirty."

The heckler's challenge left the minister with no alternative. "I knew I couldn't shut up," he told a reporter. "I had to run for office myself."

When he consulted his family, his children protested, "But politics is so dirty, Dad!"

"That was it," he declared later. "I know if politics was dirty, then there was no future for my children." Schaderberg had a comfortable pastorate. For 13 years he had served the same congregation of 450 members. He was president of the Rotary club, state chaplain of the American Legion, and respected by all who knew him. But when he announced his intention of running for Congress, there came a discouraging wall from the professional politicians in his Republican Party. Some even laughed.

But the minister followed a simple strategy: talk to as many voters as possible. He dunned Republican leaders by winning a seat in Congress as representative of Wisconsin's first congressional district.

"The citizens' committee of Marion County, Mississippi, confronted a barber J. V. Polk with some shocking words: 'The moonshiners are bragging that every man has his price. They can buy votes and stack juries. We want you to run for sheriff and clean house.'"

J. V. Polk, deacon and leader in his church, took the challenge. Honest citizens prayed, voted, and elected him to office. Hardly had he pinned on his star when a bootleg baron came calling.

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Polk's only reply was, "Get out." He immediately began raiding the bootleggers, although threats against his life rained down upon his family. A local hospital reported that "week-end accident business is down 92 percent." When his term was up, he asked to run again.

"Don't," his children pleaded. But J. V. Polk, the Christian citizen, declared, "I can't let the Christian people down. God wants me to run."

This time a bootlegger sent a hired gunman. The brave barber fell mortally wounded on the porch of his home. His teen-age daughters Janice and Sandra found him dying.

After Polk's funeral, his killer and

the bootlegger who planned the murder were arrested, tried and convicted.

And who ran for the vacant sheriff's job? Mrs. Olie Polk, the barber's widow, "because God wanted me to, and I couldn't bear to see what J. V. did go up in smoke."

The result? Bootleggers ceased to operate. Saturday nights became calm and peaceful. Citizens vowed never to sell their vote again and to serve on juries when called upon. And a large Baptist church voted a resolution that called upon "every member to participate in politics."

A survey of voting habits in an area of Chicago during 1956-60 showed:

99 per cent of the tavern keepers voted.

97.5 per cent of the gamblers and their employees voted.

16 per cent of the housewives voted 17 per cent of the Protestant ministers voted.

29 per cent of the Protestant laymen voted.

Nevertheless it remains true that in the life of the Christian, God has the last word and not the state. The voice of conscience is louder than the voice of any man-made laws. The Christian is at once the servant and the conscience of the state. Just because he is the best of citizens he will refuse to do what a Christian citizen cannot do. He will at one and the same time fear God and honor the King.

The trouble with our country today is that men have tried to be either a citizen or a Christian and not both. Jesus taught us to pay Caesar and to pay God. A person can be honorable in both if he will.

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Devotional

The Mission Of The Christian

By Wm. W. Stevens, Chairman, Division of Religion, Mississippi College.

What is involved in the mission and work of a Christian? How is the life of redemption expressed in regard to the environment in which it is found? James says that the faith that does not issue in work is dead. Of What do these "works" consist?



- (1) The child of God should exemplify Christian righteousness. His aim in living should be to radiate the life implanted in regeneration; thereby exemplifying to the world what God can do with a dedicated life. He no longer lives according to the "law of sin and death," but according to the "law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:2). He has died to sin and lives no longer therein, for he walks in newness of life (Rom. 6:4).
- (2) The child of God endeavors to ascertain and fulfill the will of God for his life. According to the Scriptures performing God's will is a very vital matter. The man who does his will abides forever (1 John 2:17). We are requested to pray that his will be done (Matt. 6:10). The one who is spiritually kin to Jesus does the will of God (Matt. 12:50). With this matter presented so urgently the true Christian endeavors to seek God's will for his life and to perform it. God continues to energize through his Spirit that the divine life implanted may be the instrument of his will.
- (3) The child of God seeks to lead other into a saving knowledge of God. It should be the supreme desire of every redeemed individual that every other individual know the atoning power of Christ also. He should want to be instrumental in bringing others to Jesus. As it was said of Andrew in regard to Peter—"He brought him unto Jesus" (John 1:42)—so it should be the desire of every Christian to lead his fellowman to the Lord also. The woman at the well, once knowing the redeeming and forgiving power of Jesus, went immediately to bring her villagers to him also.
- (4) The child of God should perform works of benevolence. He should seek to do all the good he can to as many as he can in every way he can. Just as Jesus surveyed all around and had compassion upon them, so the Christian should aspire to be benevolent to the stranger and the bereaved. There is nothing antithetical between evangelistic forever and social service. Both are Biblical, and both are spiritual to the core. Helping one's fellowman is about as Christlike an activity as any to be found. Every mountaintop experience should lead immediately into the valley of service below.



First, West Point, Begins Bus Ministry

First Church, West Point, has expanded its outreach to include a bus ministry, for bringing those who otherwise would be unable to attend church, for youth trips and retreats, and other church activities. A trip to Ridgecrest Assembly is planned for Sunday school officers and teachers. A survey conducted by youth and followed up by WMU helped to determine bus routes. Bus pastors, Mike Simmons, Carl Haas, and Noel Wright, visit on Saturdays to invite people to attend church by bus. Rev. Joe Haire, pastor, above, pointed out that the bus has air-conditioning, automatic transmission, P. A. system with outside speaker, radio, and highback seats.

Off The Record

At Pearl Church in Rankin County, two kindergarten boys, John Black and Keith Grubbs, not long ago went to visit John's grandmother. John excitedly told his grandmother, "I really found out today where they do that hypnotizing in the church!"

"Where is that, John?" his grandmother wanted to know.

"You go upstairs and then down in that hole," he explained as he told her the location of the church baptistry!

Husband's lament: "The way my wife drives, if we were Arabs she'd come home with a 'dented camel.'"

"Is there anybody in the congregation who wants a prayer said for his failings?" asked the minister.

"Yes," came an answer from a man in the front row. "I'm a spendthrift. I throw my money around, reckless like."

"Very well," said the minister. "We will join in prayer for the brother here — just after the collection plate has been passed around."

"One In The Spirit" New Film For Youth

Sherman Barnett, of Billy Graham Evangelistic Films, reports:

"One in the Spirit" is a new film on the quest of youth. It conveys a sort of panoramic view of the background and the seemingly endless searching of youth today as expressed in music, and the occult witchcraft, etc. The story of this search is timely and a vital witness as told through the past and present of youth who now have a living relationship with Jesus Christ. This will be a real thinkers film and will find acceptance by youth as well as by adults."

Another project just released is a twenty-minute inspirational film called: BILLY GRAHAM AND THE 56th ANNUAL KIWANIS CONVENTION. This is for use in service clubs and perhaps men's clubs within the church. It is a great little film with Mr. Graham's message on "the role of America in history"; it has a very appropriate and timely message for today.

Anyone interested in these films may contact the Mississippi Field Representative for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Films, Sherman Barnett, P. O. Box 692, Grenada, Mississippi 38901 (601) 226-5096.

Indian Springs Church Enters Building Program

Indian Springs Church, Laurel, has launched an extensive building and remodeling program, to include construction of a two-story educational wing containing 5,308 sq. ft. of floor space and the complete renovation and redecoration of the auditorium.

The educational building will contain ultra-modern pre-school facilities, well-equipped and functional elementary-age classrooms, and staff offices for the expanding ministry.



Special Events At Shady Grove

Sunday, January 29, Layman's Day was observed at Shady Grove Church, Hazlehurst. The day began with a breakfast for the men. The men filled the choir and brought the special music. Dr. James Blaine, M. C., was guest speaker for the morning service.

The youth of Shady Grove was in charge of the evening service. Dewey Douglas, music director and student at Co-Lin Junior College, brought the evening message.

Saturday, February 5, the Children's Department was honored with a Sweetheart Banquet. Rev. Malcolm Massey, Brookhaven, was special guest and did magician's acts to entertain the group.

Saturday, February 12, a Sweetheart Banquet was held for the Junior High, Senior High, and Single Young Adults. A portion of the Sojourners of Co-Lin Junior College entertained the group with songs.

Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

HONG KONG — A Baptist woman and her youngest daughter had been living in Hong Kong while other members of their family remained in China. One Sunday morning at the church where she was a deaconess the woman unexpectedly arrived with her youngest son. The 16-year-old boy and a friend had swum over from the mainland. Two weeks later her oldest daughter and another son swam over. All three of the children accepted Christ and were baptized, reported Southern Baptist missionary Larry Ingram, who attends the same church. Only the father and one son remain in China. The mother and her children planned to move to Canada where another son lives. "Hong Kong is just a temporary place to live for so many people," said Ingram. "They want to get farther away from communism, and opportunities are so limited for young people."

tries of the church. An added feature of the structure includes an automobile arrival shelter for use during bad weather.

The interior of the auditorium has been completely redesigned and considerable modification of the exterior produces the beauty, strength, and durability of the traditionally majestic colonial pattern. The colonial white-and-pew accented with a natural wood cap, has been selected to complement the interior decor.

"Indian Springs has long been a church which believes that God's

House ought to be the most beautiful structure in the community," states the pastor, Rev. Larry Tillman.

"This building program is an expression of that deep conviction, and it demonstrates the continuing willingness of this great church to make any sacrifice in meeting its obligations to God," concluded the pastor.

The building committee is composed of Darling Meador, Chairman, Lafe Davis, Willie Meador, Jimmy Rowell, Fenton Meador, Myron Stringer, Ray Evans, C. E. Gibson, Don Grafton, Webber Grafton, and V. A. Hoss.



Education Commission Meets In Hattiesburg

William Carey College was the scene of the regular meeting on February 7 of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Shown above as they posed for the Carey photographer are members, from left standing: Andrew Puckett, Columbus; Dr. H. T. Huddleston, Summit; Dr. Gordon Sansing, Grenada; and Mr. Miller Earnhardt, Tunica. Front, seated from left: Dr. J. B. Young, Ellisville (vice-chairman); Dr. Levon Moore, Pontotoc (chairman); and Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton (secretary).

From Puerto Rico Paper Plant To Laurel Pastorate

By Mrs. John C. Zachary

In these modern times, this true story should probably have an eye-catching title as — "From King's Clothing to Shepherd's Cloak," account of how God lays the ground-

work for his plans and uses other people to help complete the plan, and how he did just that for Edward Richardson and his family.

This story is similar to a jigsaw puzzle that begins in Mississippi, Ed's

native state, crosses the Atlantic Ocean, then the final piece is placed in at the Lawn Haven Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi.

It was a beautiful Sunday in Ponce, Puerto Rico and the view was mag-

nificent from the mountaintop as we dined in the International Hotel as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Richardson and little did I know that in less than a year they would be guests in our home in Laurel, Miss., and Brother Ed would be the new pastor of a church nearby.

Ed, pictured, and Imogene Richardson, with their two children, Eddie and Kay, had been living for three



years in Ponce where Ed was plant manager of St. Regis Paper Company. They were all very active in the Ponce Baptist Church and at this time Ed, a deacon, was serving as chairman of the Pulpit Committee

which had just called our son, Mack Adams, a Southern Baptist home missionary, to be their pastor. Besides working in their own church, each Sunday afternoon the Richardsons would go to another town, Guayama, and work in the English-speaking mission, conducting Sunday school, and then Brother Ed would preach for them.

While visiting with our son and his family, Mack asked if our pastor at Second Avenue would be interested in coming to Ponce to conduct a revival and later Dr. Joel C. Murphy and his wife went to Ponce and while there Ed Richardson talked to Dr. Murphy and his pastor several times, stating that he felt God was calling him to preach, but several questions needed answers, such as, would he be able to get a church without any seminary training? how would he support his family? These were materialistic questions that God had answers for, only Ed needed the faith that God would provide.

After Dr. Murphy's return to Laurel, he told his church how impressed he had been with Ed Richardson's decision to give up his good position in Ponce and start life anew in full-time Christian service and he was eager for his church members to hear Ed preach and give his testimony when the Richardsons came to the States on vacation.

Shortly after this, Dr. Murphy had a letter from our son, stating that Ed had already resigned from his job in Ponce and would be in Laurel soon.

Dr. Murphy planned to have Ed preach at Second Avenue and through Rev. Maurice Flowers, supt. of missions, Jones County, invite any pulpits committees interested to hear him, but God had a better plan.

"In less than twenty-four hours after



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Dr. Charles Martin (left), vice-president for academic affairs at Mississippi College, and Dr. Archie Germany, chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics, look over the \$1500 check the college received from Shell Foundation, Inc., through its Shell Assist program. They will be responsible for distributing the major portion of the donation. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

receiving the letter," Dr. Murphy relates, "I was talking to an electrician, Jack Knight, who was looking over our new den at the parlorium and he said to me, 'Dr. Murphy, do you know where we can get us a good pastor for Lawn Haven?' The right man in the right place, Yes indeed!"

Immediately plans were made for Brother Ed to preach at Lawn Haven upon his arrival in Laurel.

Our youngest grandson made the flight over with the Richardsons and when I picked him up at the Murphy's, Imogene and Ed kept saying, "I can't believe we are really here and things are happening so quickly." That was on Saturday afternoon and Sunday Ed preached both services at Lawn Haven, later meeting with the Pulpit Committee, who told him that as far as they were concerned he would be extended an official call.

The Richardsons left the next day for Ohio to visit relatives and at the business session at Lawn Haven, Brother Ed was officially extended a call as pastor. They moved into the lovely new parlorium before their furniture arrived, eager to be of service in their new church and community.

Having been licensed to preach by the Ponce Baptist Church, Brother Ed asked Dr. Murphy if he would help plan his ordination service to coincide with the furlough of Mack and his family, so his former pastor could have a part in the ordination service.

From time to time some of us have teased Imogene and Ed, telling them they are having it too easy, only facing one pulpits committee, never having the struggle of seminary days, and they answer, "We have missed the years of more dedicated service

Byhalia Calls Pastor

Byhalia Church announces the arrival of their new pastor, Rev. Chandra Johnson. Mr. Johnson assumed the pastorate there on January 6, coming from a church in British Columbia.

He is a native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife have two sons, Andrew, 13, and Steve, 16.

Revival Dates

Morrison Heights, Clinton: March 5-10; Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor, Forest Church, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City, musicians; Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor; services Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

by saying, "No" when God called earlier, and we will soon find out about the seminary struggle, hours of hard studying, for I am enrolling in the New Orleans Seminary next semester."

The ordination service was recently held in the Lawn Haven Church. The choir began the service with the song, "He Lives," followed with prayer by K. C. Myrick. After the report of the council by Rev. Maurice Flowers, Joel Murphy sang "How Great Thou Art." The sermon, "God's Eternal Greatness" was preached by Dr. J. C. Murphy. The charge to the church was given by Rev. John Foy. The charge to the preacher was given by Rev. McKinney Adams, who also related how much the Richardsons would be missed in Puerto Rico and of Brother Ed's love and desire to serve his Master. Mr. Willie Mills presented the Bible and the ordination prayer was voiced by D. R. Sander-

son. S. M. Richardson, Ed's father, was the first in line for laying on of hands, then the entire congregation joined in the handshake of Christian fellowship, as Mrs. Richardson, Eddie, and Kay stood in line with Brother Ed.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson had several of their relatives present, also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emery for Jackson, with whom they had a double wedding, went on their honeymoons together, and their first children were born, the same day. Mr. Emery is serving as deacon in Woodland Hills.

Eddie Richardson seems to be following in his father's footsteps as he was recently licensed to preach by the Lawn Haven Church and is a freshman at Mississippi College and on his recent trip back to Puerto Rico, preached in the Ponce Church.

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- () My niece imitates everything I do. I saw her pick up a pencil one day and imitate me smoking.
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- () So many people I know have quit, I'm beginning to feel stupid about smoking.
- () There's something very cool and self-assured about women who don't need cigarettes.
- () I thought it was hopeless; I quit once and went back. But someone told me a lot of people had to quit over and over before it took. I'm trying again. It can't hurt.
- () If I quit, I'll save 50¢ a day. That's \$3.50 a week, \$14.00 a month, \$182.50 a year. That buys almost 2 gallons of gas a day. Ten quarts of milk a week. Gas, electric and 2 movies a month. After a year, I can fly to and back on cigarettes I didn't smoke.
- () Somewhere in the back of my head I've been nursing the illusion that smoking is really only dangerous for men. I've just seen the latest statistics. The death rate for women who smoke is more than 20% higher than women who don't. We've come a long way baby, but I'm not going any further.

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